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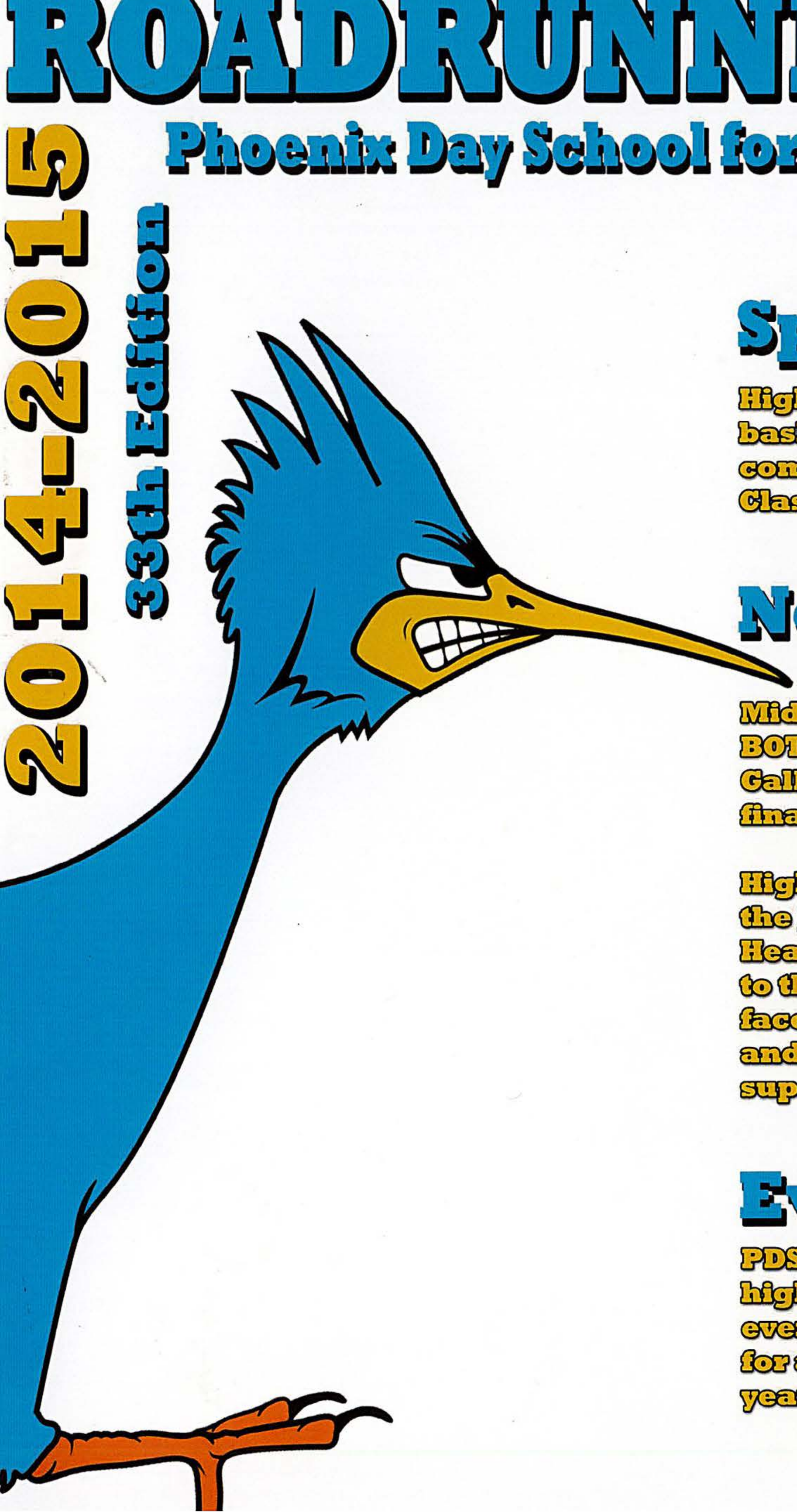
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

2014-2015

33th Edition



Sports

High School basketball competes in Clerc Classic Tourament!

News

All three Middle School BOTB teams go to Gallaudet for the final competion!

High School wins the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser to throw pies in the faces of the principal and high school supervisor!

Events

PDSD involved in highest number of events ever - making for an unforgettable year!

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Welcome

to PDSD's Yearbook Magazine!

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Senior Class of 2015 - What an amazing group of young adults you are!!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Superintendent Lamer and me, please accept our sincere congratulations on your graduation, AND all of your accomplishments over the years. Academic achievement for students has been a high priority and your hard work has paid off. Awards from the Optimist Club for last year and this year, second and third place, are evidence of your efforts. Your HOSA first place finish is something for which you can all share pride! You showed the depth of your achievements as Academic Bowl Regional Champions in 2010-11! Other awards from Metro Tech, Best Trailer for a Short Film and HOSA placement at 10th and 17th out of 185 competitors are outstanding!

The Class of 2105 can also be proud of several accomplishments in the world of sports. Of real significance is your Sportsmanship Award for 2015 at the Clerc Classic Tournament. We will not forget your championships in basketball, girls and boys, at the 2014 WSBC Tournament; 2014 and 2105 Sportsmanship Award for the Spike Out Tournament; WSBC 2015 girls third place; All Section Offensive Line and Quarterback for 2014; and really going the extra mile with All American Offensive Line second place for 2012-13 and 2013-14!

You will leave high school with some proud moments and accomplishments, some great memories, and friends for life. Please take all you have learned and continue to apply yourselves. Let the world see the Class of 2015 as one of strength, character and pride. Onward Roadrunners!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marv Lamer, Superintendent
William Koehler, Assistant Superintendent

Students, Families and Staff of PDSD,

This year I became your new principal with my heart and soul invested into this school, your school. Through work, accomplishments and day-to-day actions, you made me even more proud to be a PDSD Roadrunner! This school year our motto was "Believe In . . . ." Daily I saw examples of you believing in yourselves and others.

- We saw you ***Believe In Dreams*** when elementary students were mentored in the Buddy program and CTE students chased their dreams studying vocational fields.
- You took opportunities to do more and improve, showing that you ***Believe In Challenges***.
- When you reached out to the community you showed ***Belief In Positivity.*** Keep it up! It is contagious!
- One student ***Believed in Expectations***, saying, "I have learned more because I am expected to."
- Our new athletic director Eddie King showed he ***Believed In Ability*** of students on and off the field, and you responded to his leadership and showed drive and persistence!
- Preschool ***Believed In Growth*** when they focused on Dramatic Play and Literacy Units.
- The high school ***Believed In Collaboration*** with the year-long Veteran's Service Learning project.
- Middle school students ***Believed In Achievement*** when all three teams qualified to compete in the national Battle of the Books competition at Gallaudet!
- ***Belief In Success*** was evident when students encouraged each other to have a Growth Mindset.
- To the graduating class of 2015, congratulations! Be proud of your efforts and never stop learning. To all of you, the students, families and staff of the 2014-2015 school year, wherever next year and the future takes you, never forget to ***Believe In Yourself***!

Thank you for a great year that showed what we can do when we truly Believe!

Courtney Fritz, Principal

Staff

Administration

Courtney Fritz
Principal

Megan Scarboro
Career and Technical Education Supervisor

Jill Oberstein
High School Supervisor

Sarah Sottile
Middle School Supervisor

Belinda Harney
Elementary Supervisor

Maureen Gallucci
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Lori Elliott
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Athletic Director

Administrative Professionals

Lequia Beck

Debbie Eubank

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Library, Media & Tech

Michael Henderson

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Not Pictured: Lorene Cary, Penny Fetters. Julius Kim.

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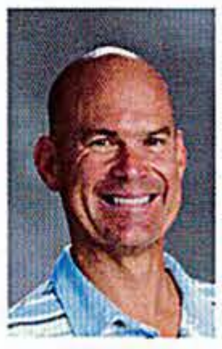
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Adrian DeHoyos

Gizelle Gilbert

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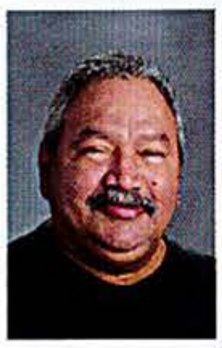
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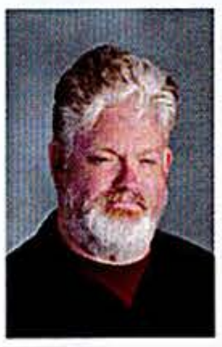
Randal Kidd

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Interpreters

Libby Cox

Kristin Erickson

Heather Evans

John Gover

Kathy Majors

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Ana Olea

Christine Porter

Sandra Rivas

Martha Vance

Not Pictured: Brenda Byers, Mona Feige, Jennifer Gajardo, Intissar Greene, Rebecca Larson, Greta McLeod, Lisa Parrone, Alli Ryndak, Tracy Schraven, Thomas Synnott, Amy Trollop, Catherine Witte.

Staff

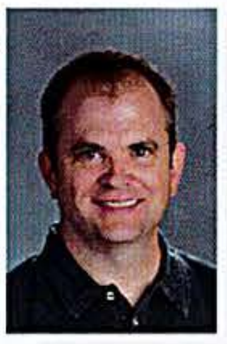
Teachers

Rebecca Abeyta

Amber Akapnitis

Jessica Anderson

Judith Baltenbach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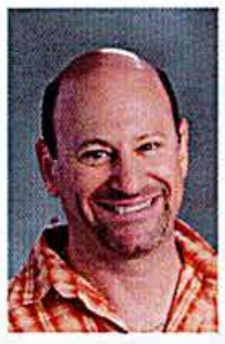
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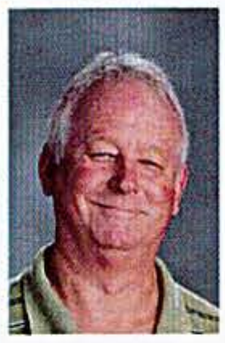
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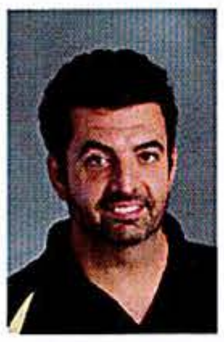
Sally Hansen

Nyla Hostin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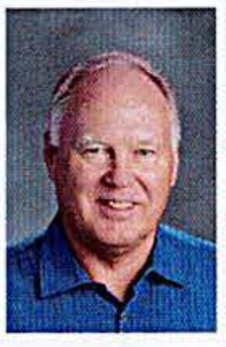
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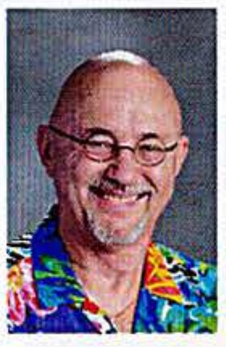
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Vinnie Bricoccoli

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Crystal Cousineau

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Liliana Gonzalez

Natalie Heywood

George Hughes

Jana Jackerson

Kristina Jackson

Yessica Martinez

Mallory Matthews

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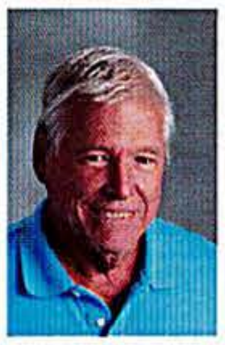
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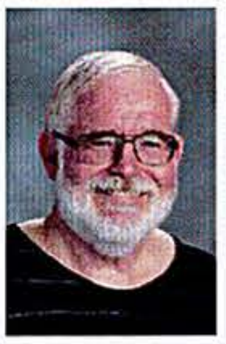
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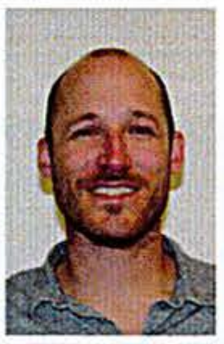
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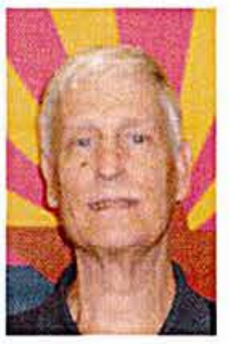
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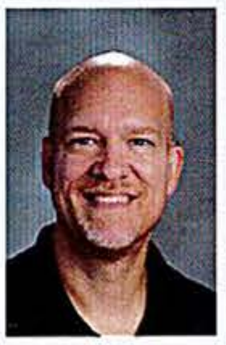
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Jacqueline Munder

Lisa Ogles

Catherine Sienko

Pamela Wojcik

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Chaperones: Ramona Ibarra, Carmen Hamblin, Barry Nelson, Shirley Ashley, Iza Hadzic, Allen Craig, Jasmine Henderson, Yin Liu, Ada Martinez, Tim Turley, Irene Montano, Edward Thompson, Austin Williams, Ysenia Valdez, Sierra Bradley, Maria Amaya, April Atkins, Rosa Figueroa.

Front Row: Amy Mullikin (Driver Trainer III), Adrian Madrid (Equipment Repair Tech), Richard Pellicciaro (Equipment Repair Tech).
Back Row: Rod Mann (Manager), James Spencer (Trans Coordinator), Scott Waggoner (Driver Dispatcher III).

Staff

Food Services

Irma Cortes, Stephanie Ramirez, Sylvia Duarte, Deb Rapaport, Jon Wilson, Becky Urbieta, Pat Franco.

Facilities

Allan Craig, Gregg Luther, Michael Elliott, Gerardo (Go) Dyck, and James Ragland.

Security

Joe Sammartano, Vicki Burke, Tony DiGuiseppe, Larry Telles, and Mary Cleveland.

HIGH SCHOOL

High school had a year filled with crazy, fun and amazing events, field trips, sports, activities and off-campus lunches. We all continue to enjoy our freedom by being independent and responsible. We are proud to be Roadrunners that will never die!

Guess Who??

Some of our Seniors when they were young...

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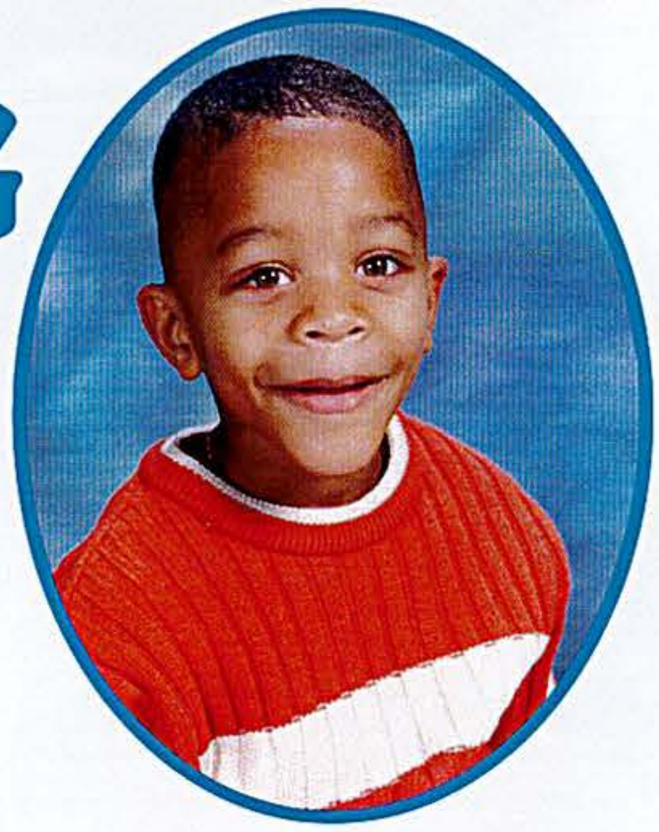

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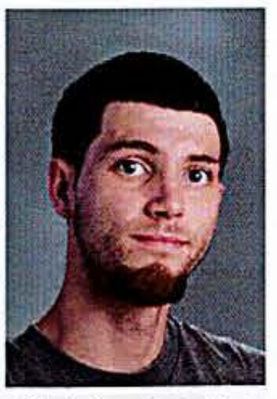
12th GRADE

Kattia Guadalupe Alvarado Felix

Heidi Rae Amarillas

Branden Michael Bailey



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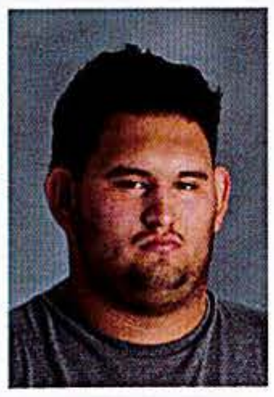

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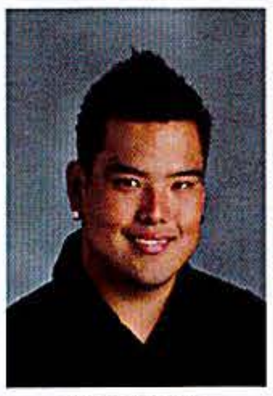
Skylair Dianne Estrine



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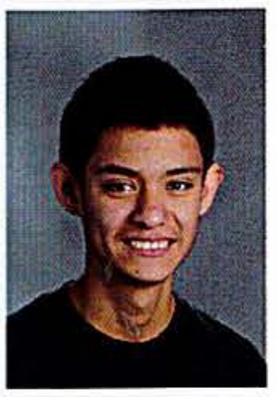
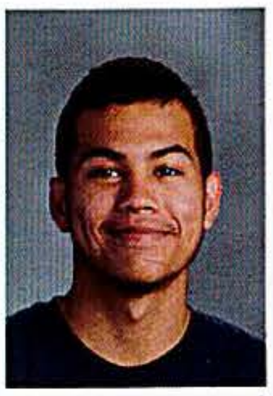


Luis Alexis Flores-Leon



Johnathan Garcia

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David Gil

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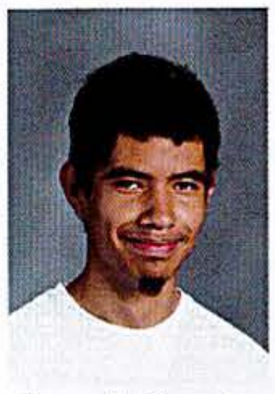

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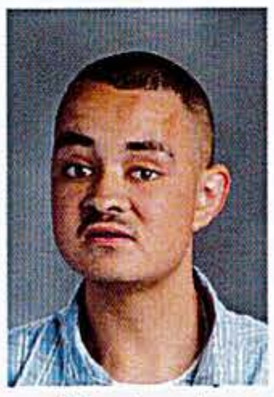

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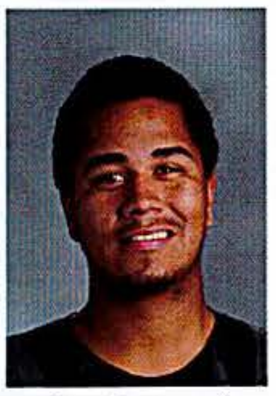

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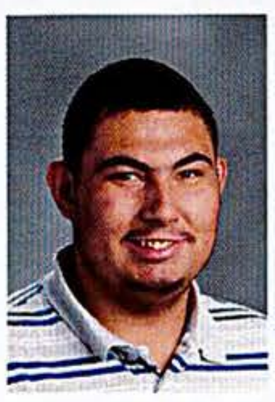

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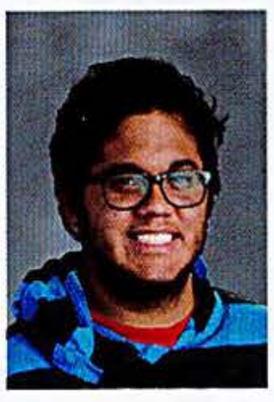

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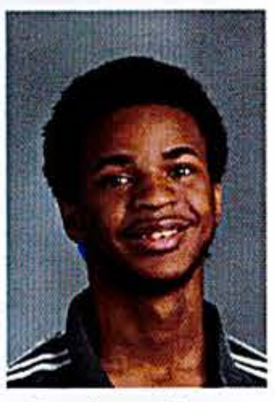

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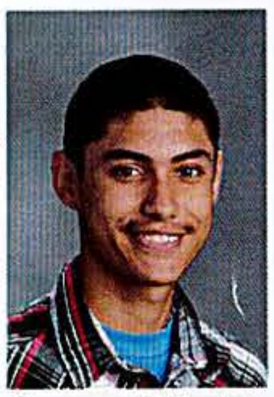

Lorenzo Alejandro Moreno Ponce

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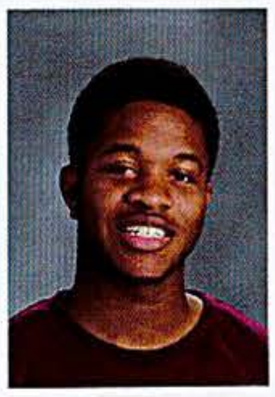
Rafael Alejandro Navarro Cabeza

Edwin Giovanni Parra Arambula

Angelica Diane Pena



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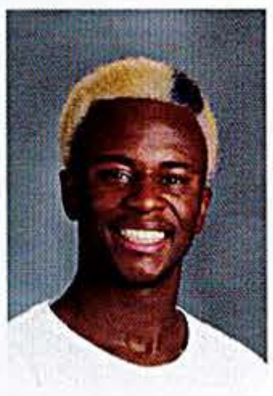

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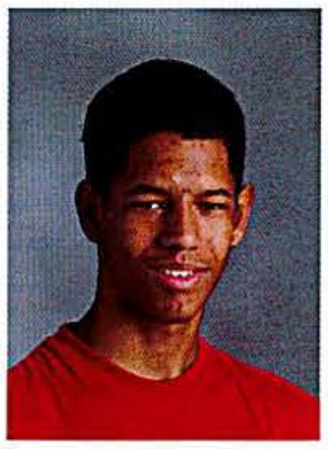

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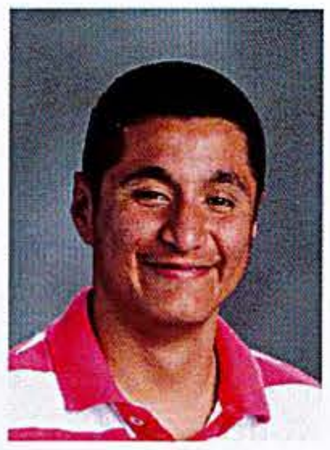

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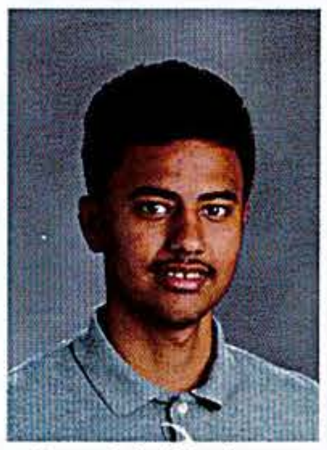

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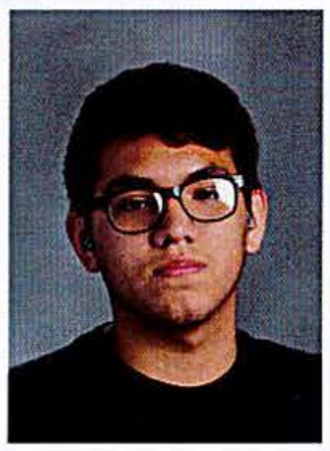

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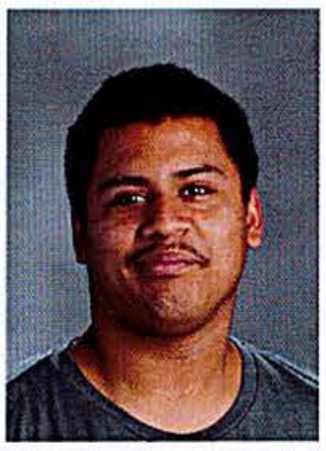

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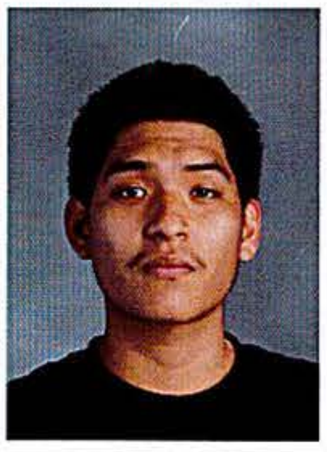

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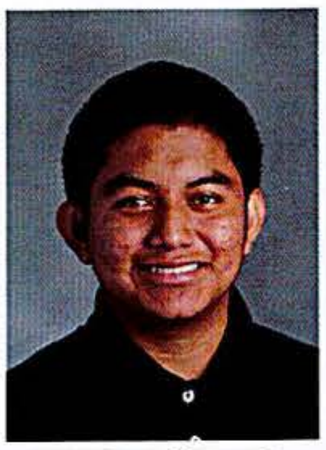
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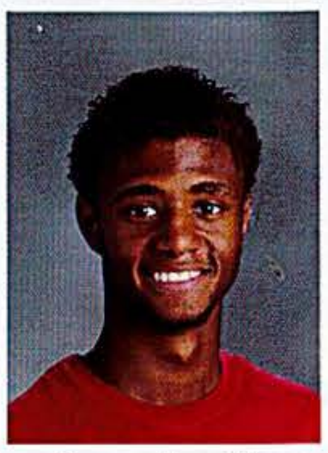
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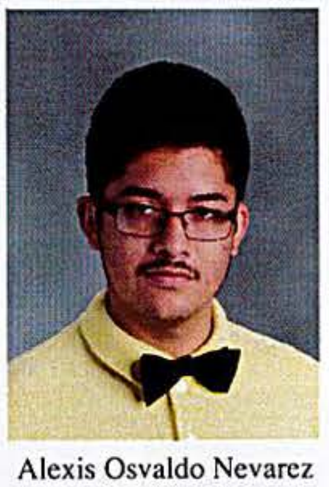
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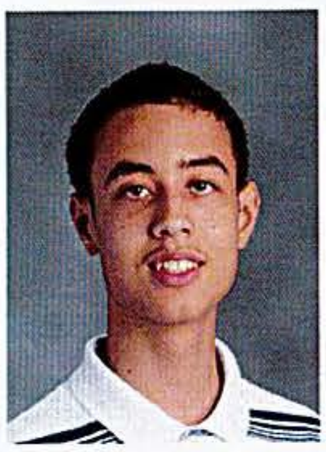
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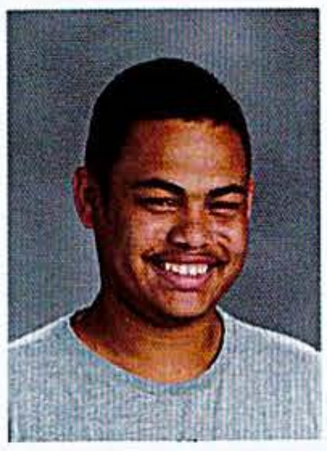
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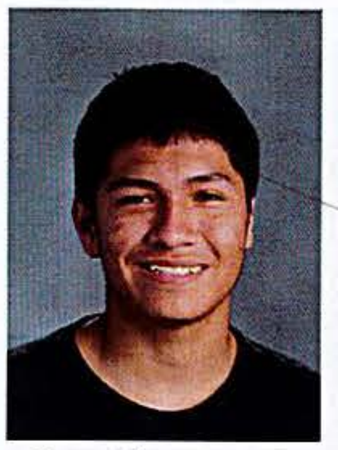
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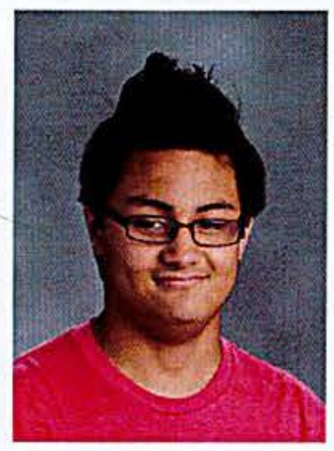
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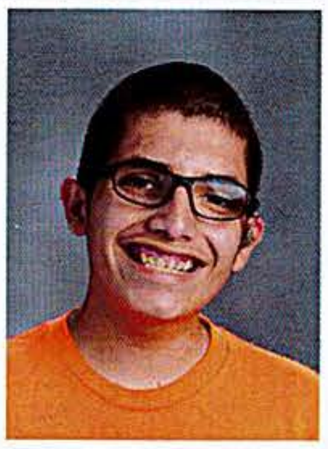
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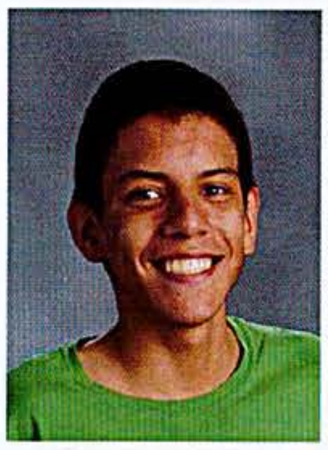
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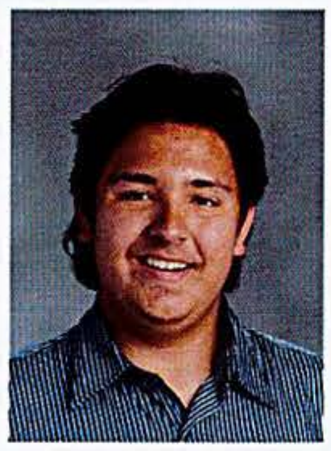
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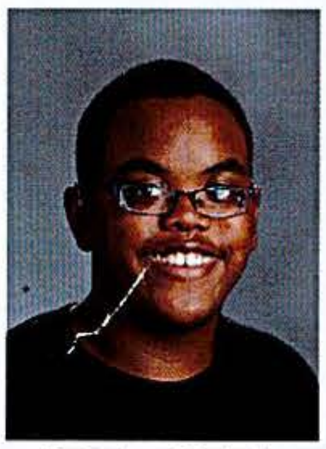
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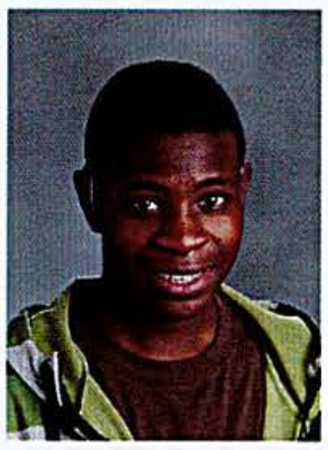
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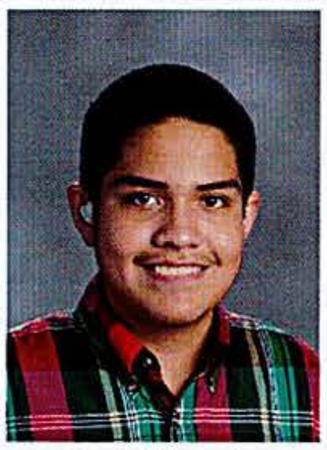
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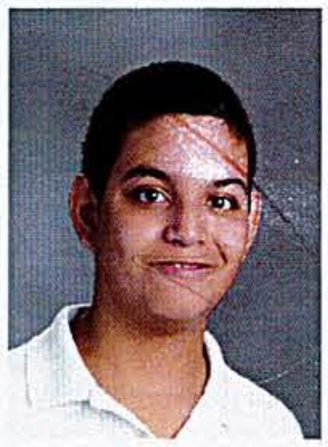
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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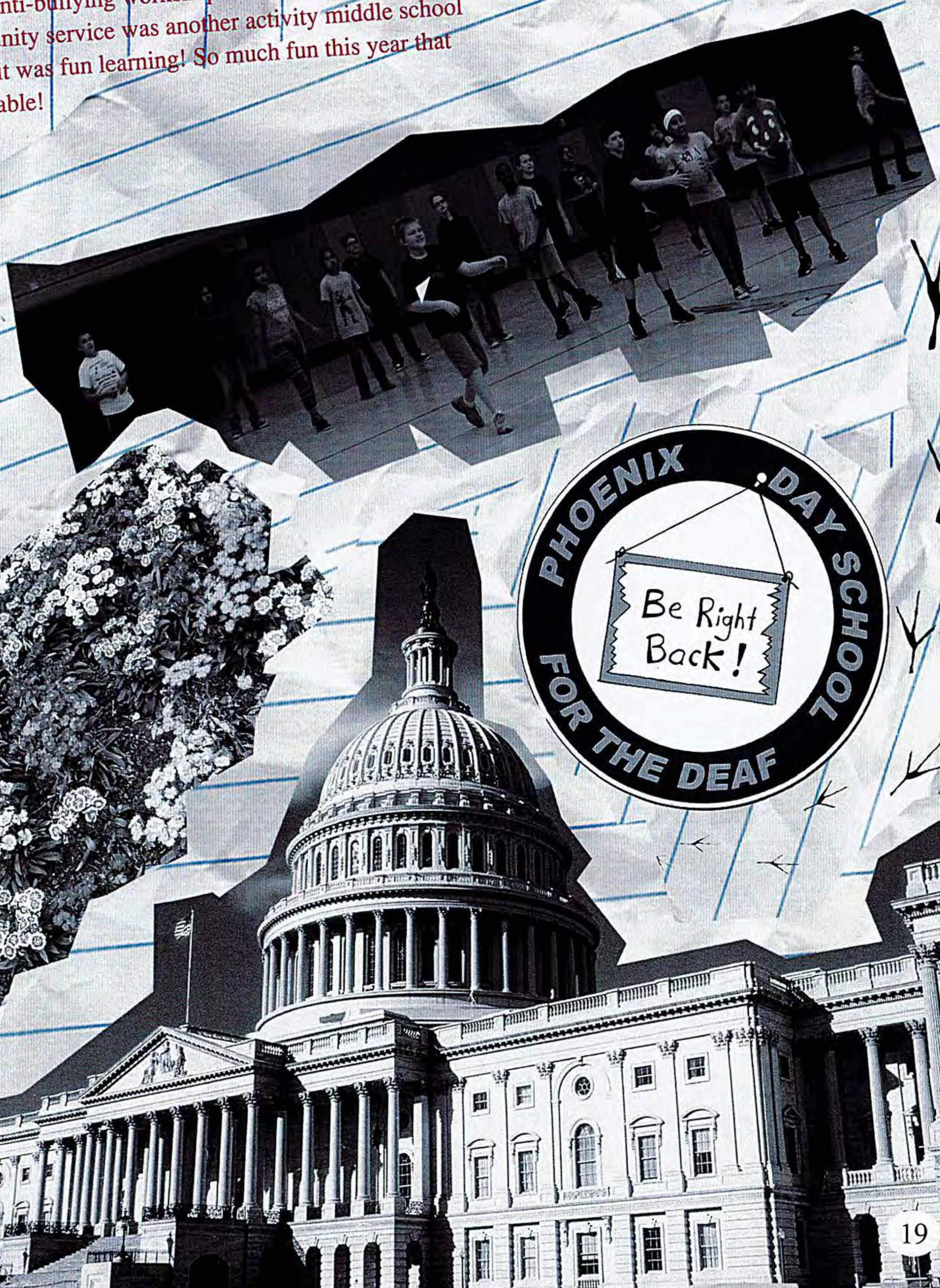
Middle school students enjoyed growing and learning how to become mature. They started with a new binder system to ensure they follow step by step their teachers' instruction and plan with homework and classroom work. Middle school students really enjoyed the fun after-school activities such as Valentine's Day, Halloween, Bowling, BOTB pizza party and more! They also took a field trip to an anti-bullying workshop to learn how to prevent bullying. Community service was another activity middle school students did and it was fun learning! So much fun this year that will be unforgettable!



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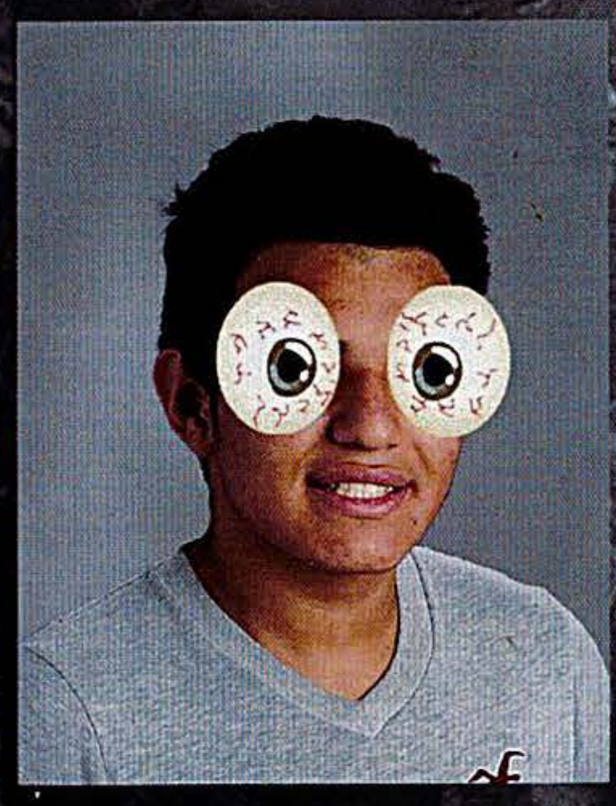

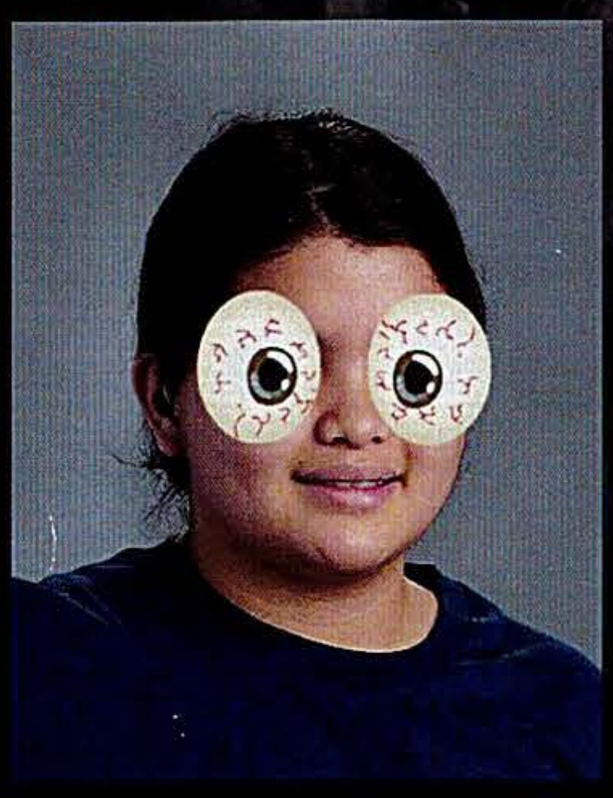

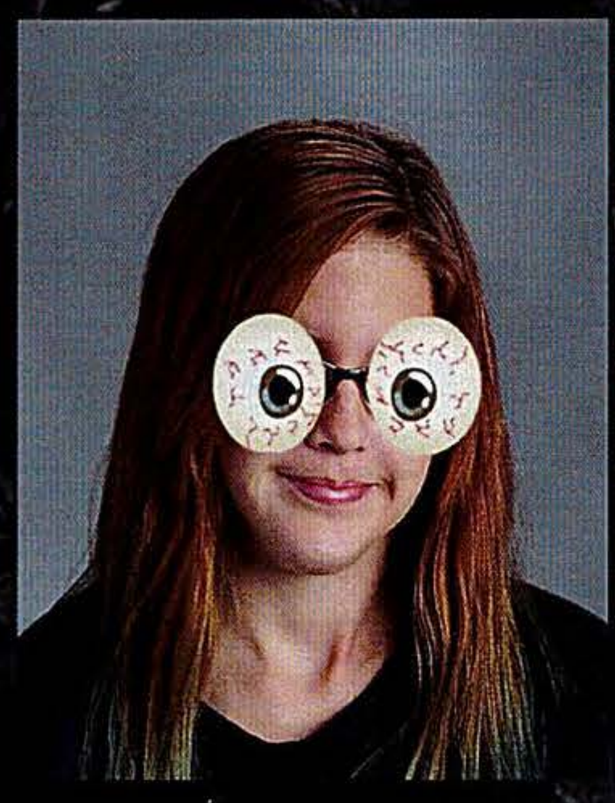

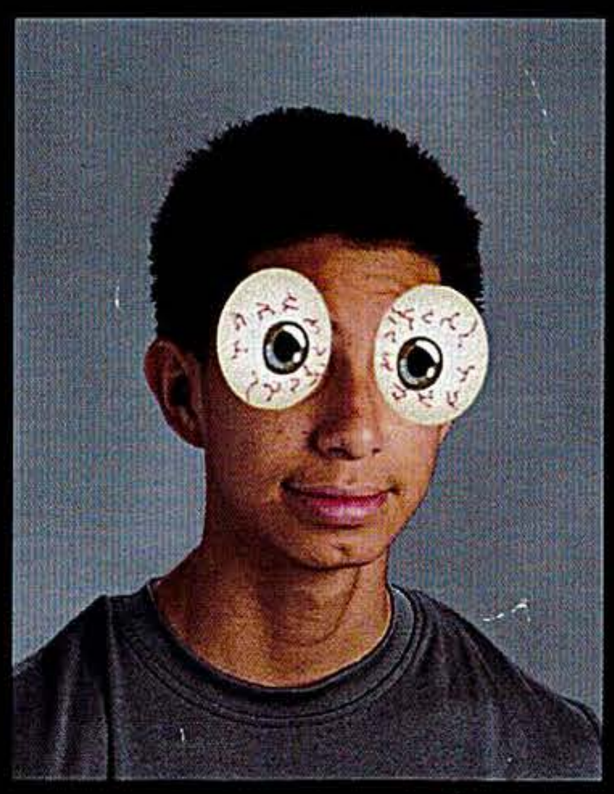

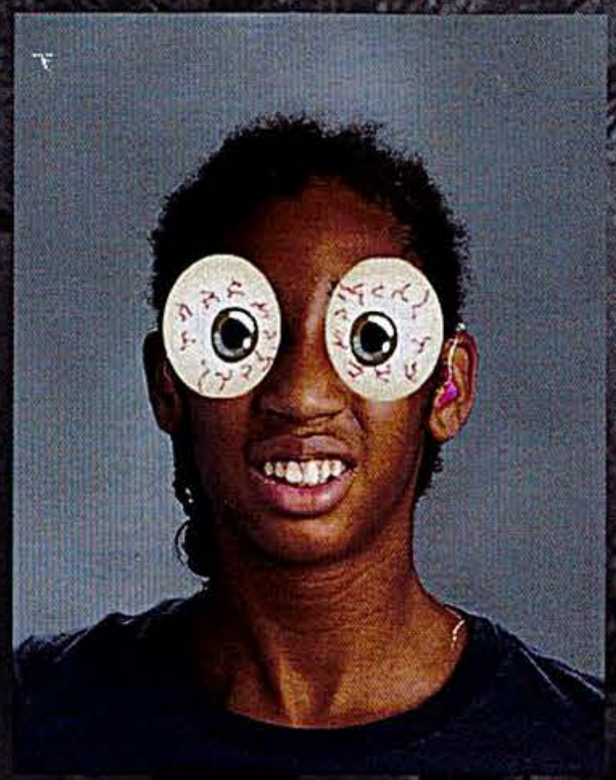

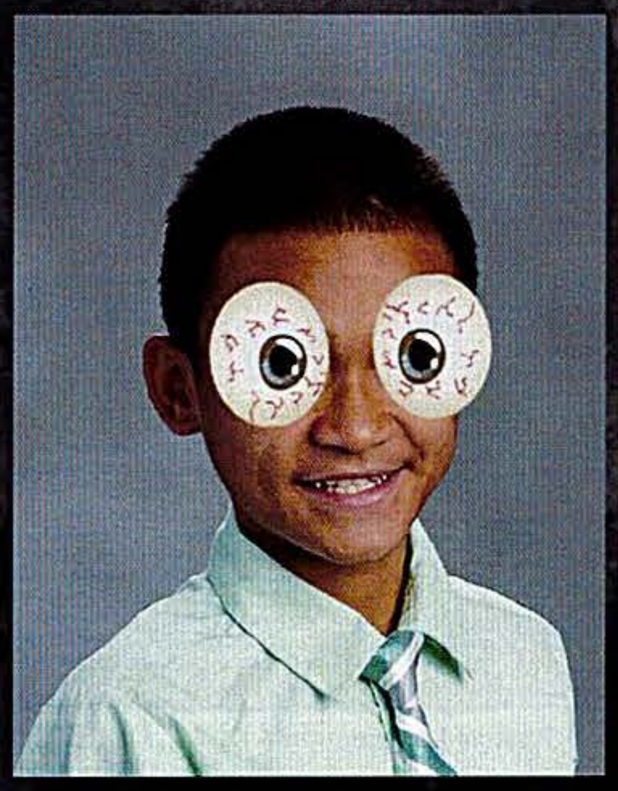

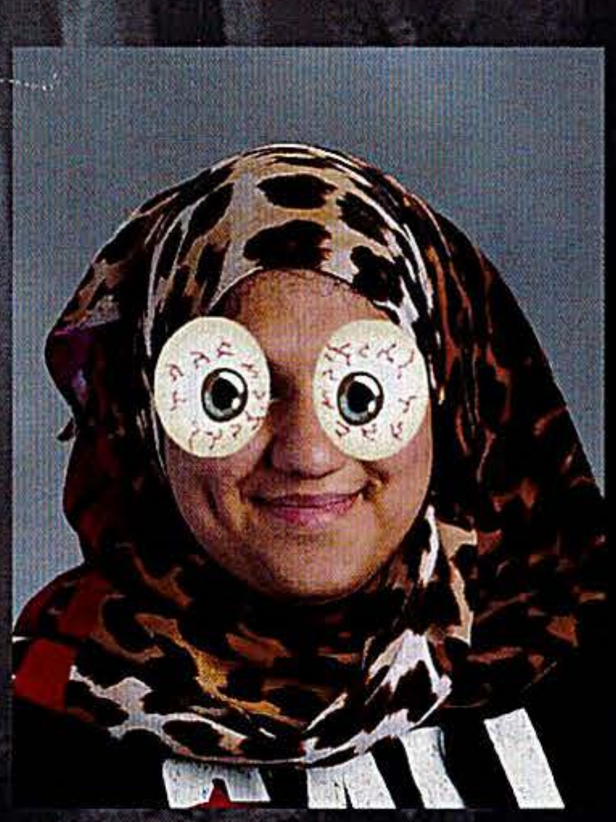

WE ARE READY FOR YOU TO BECOME FRESHMEN!

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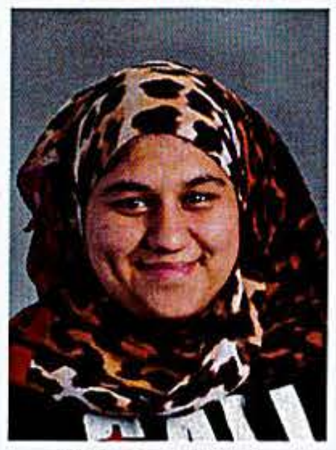
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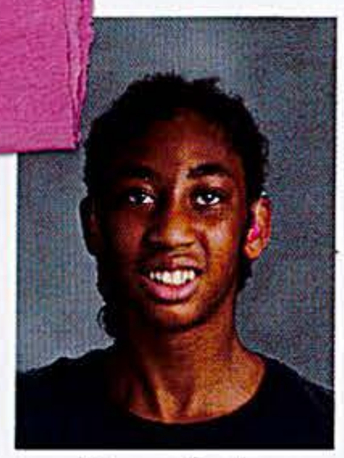
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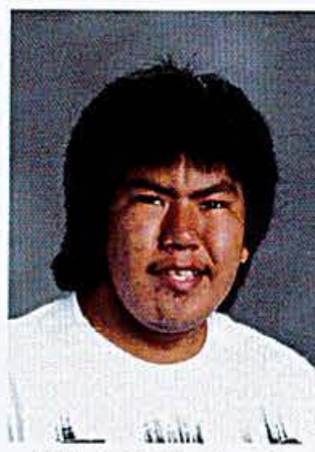
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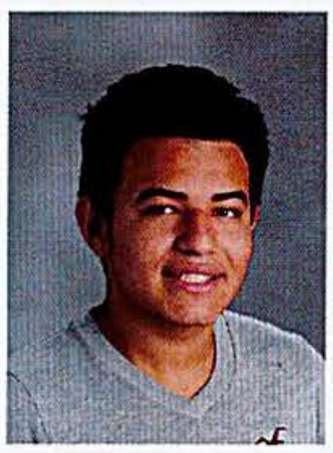
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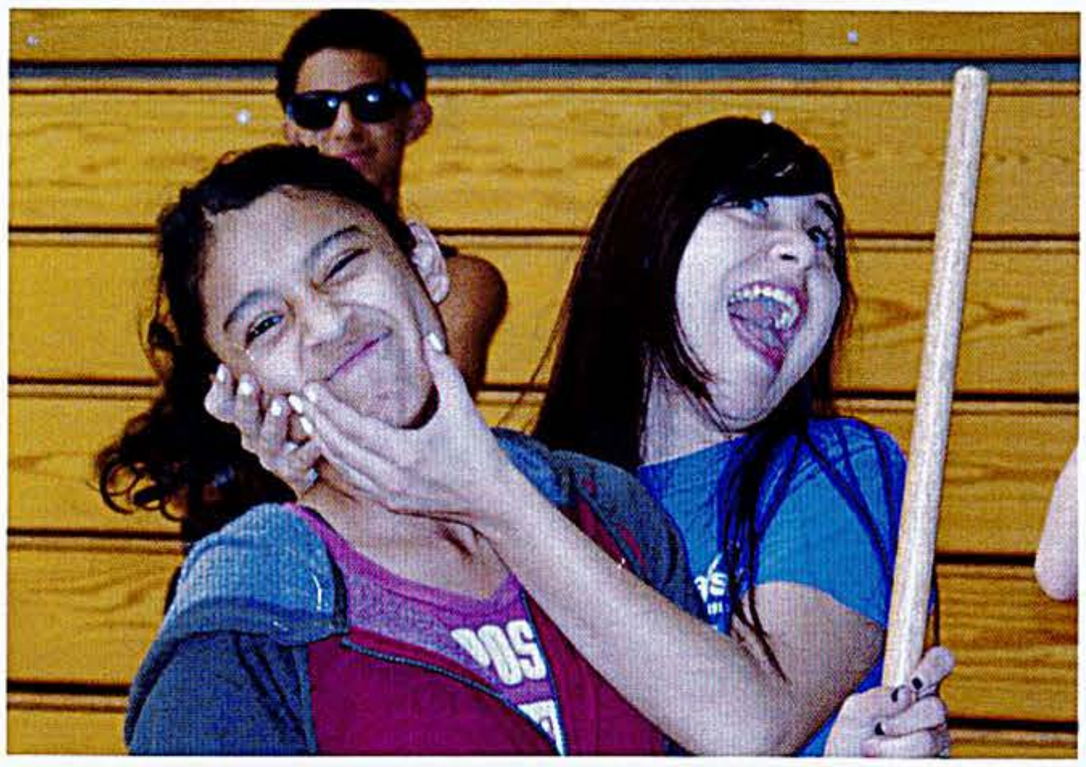

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Paw Dah

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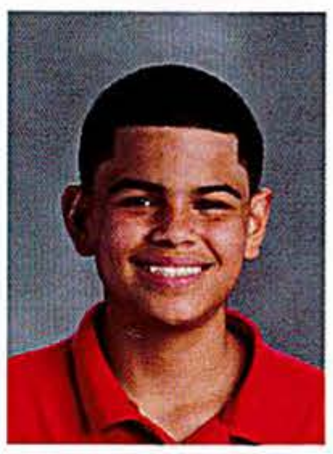
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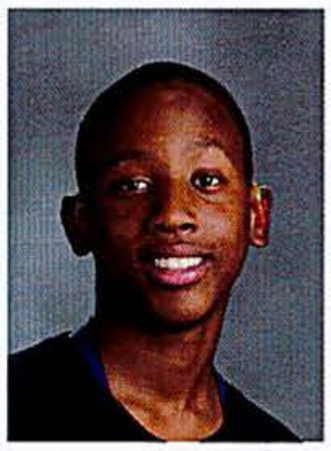
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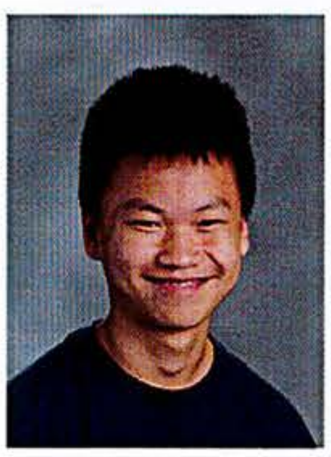
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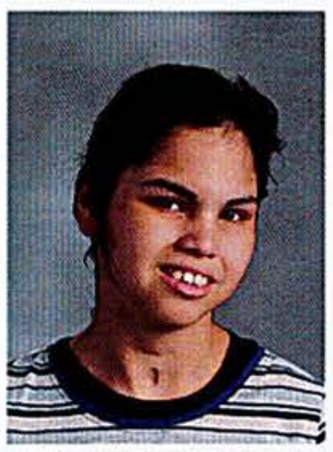
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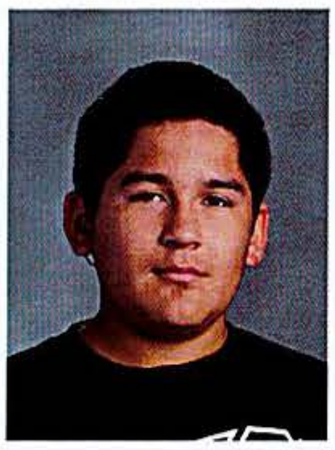
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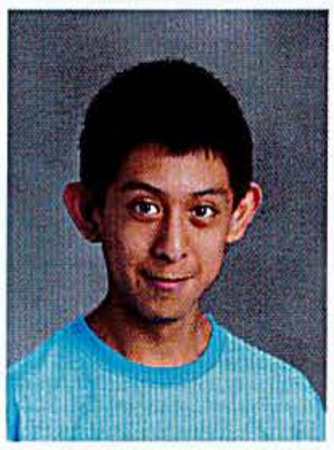
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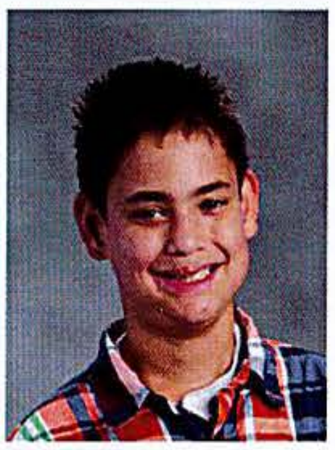
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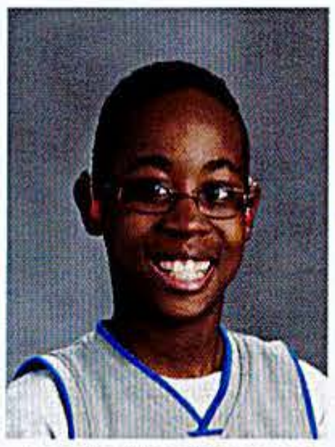
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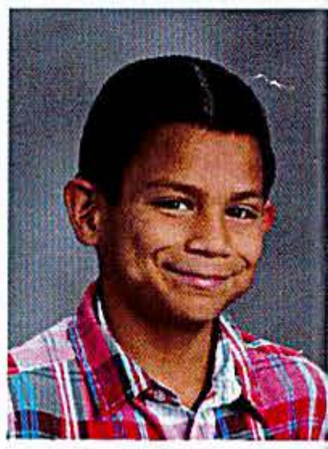
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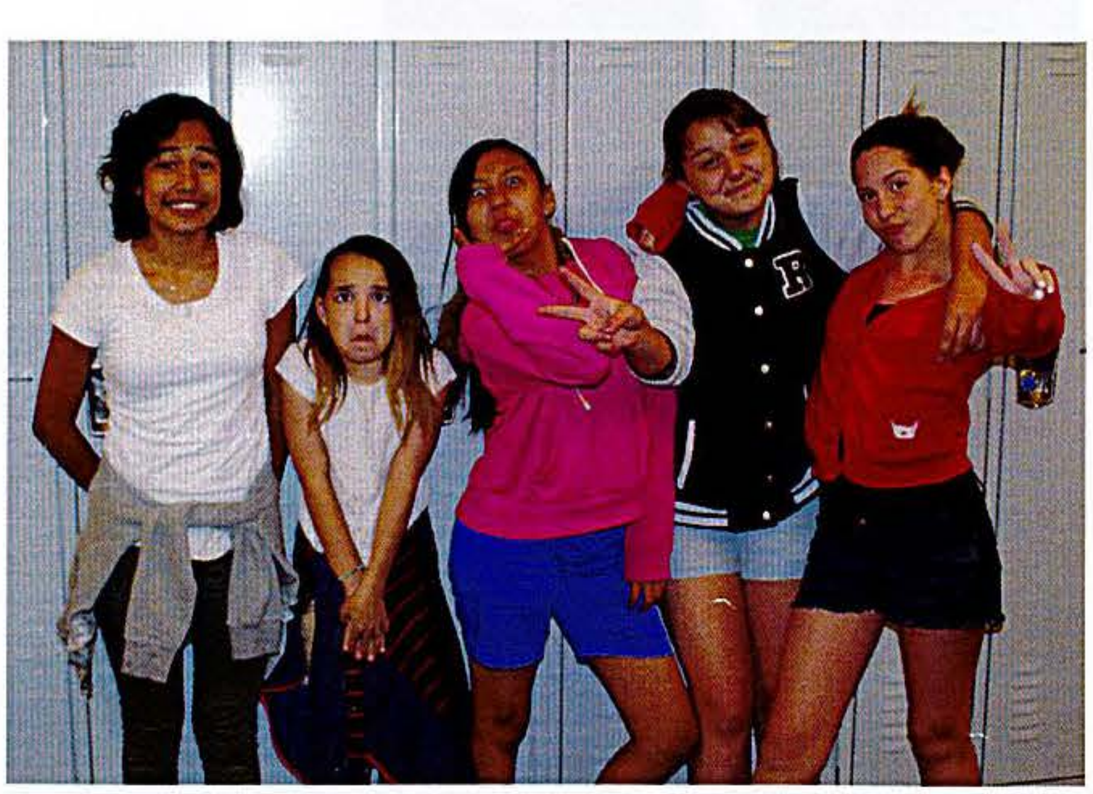

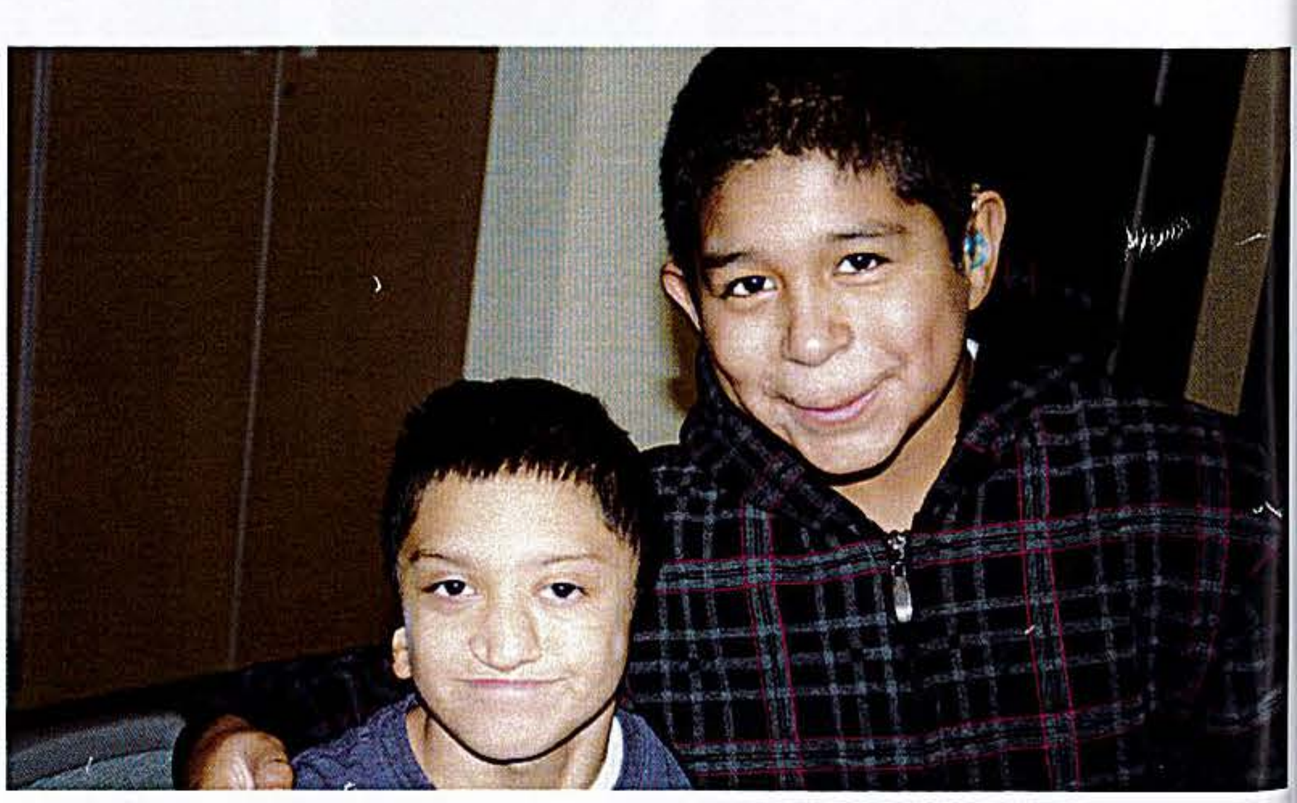

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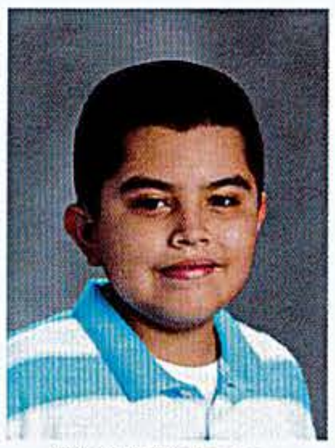
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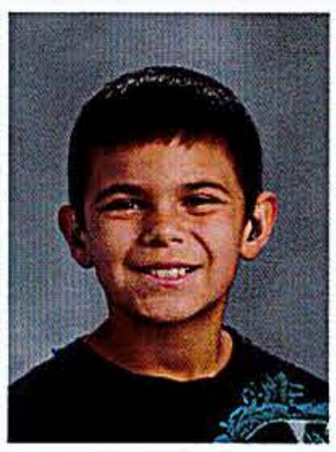
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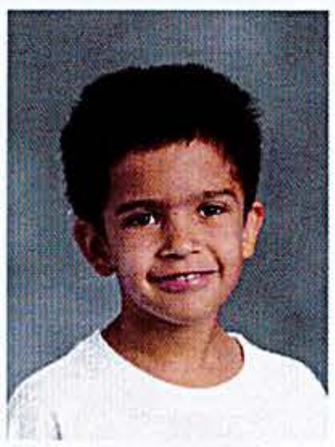
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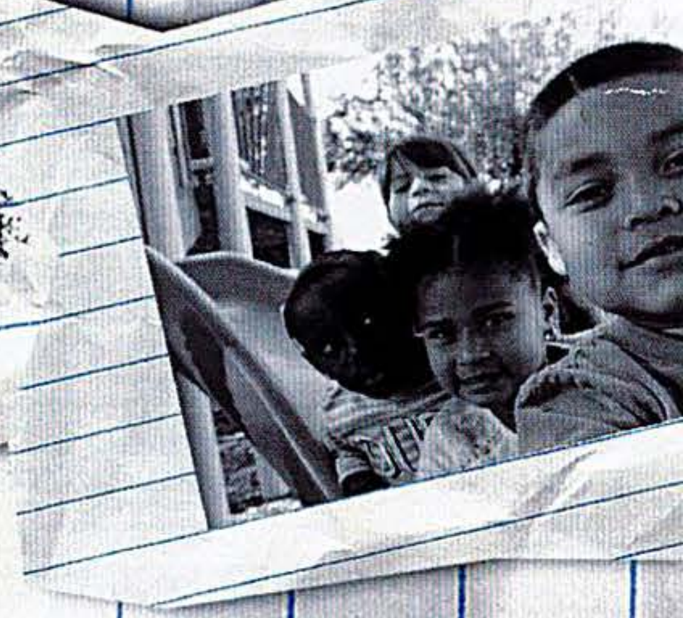

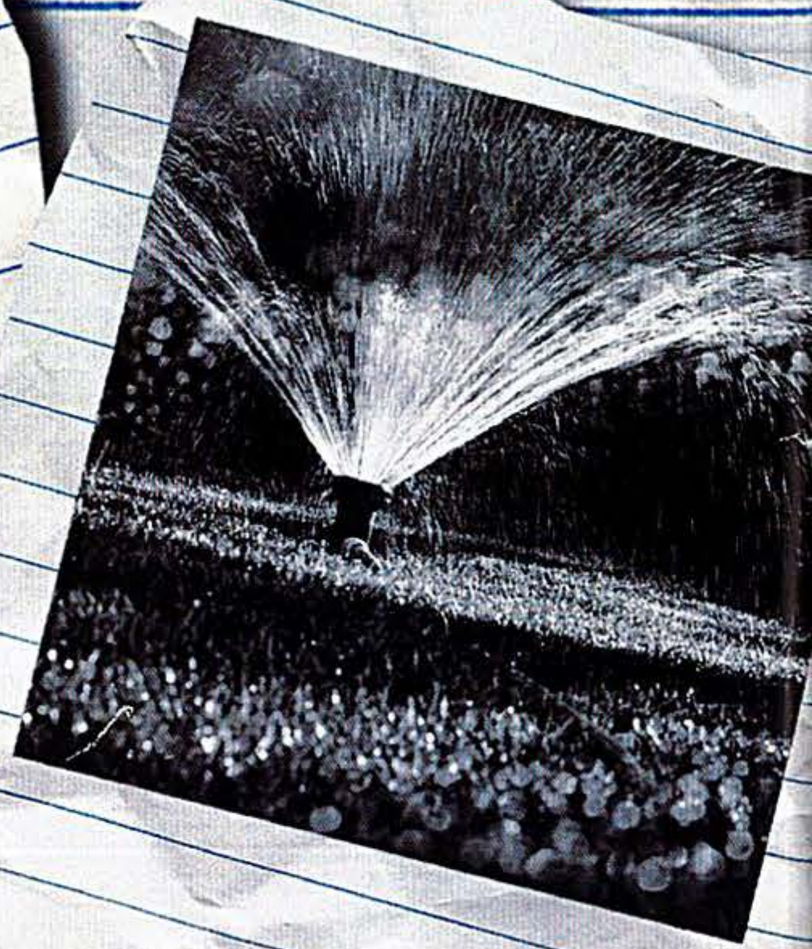

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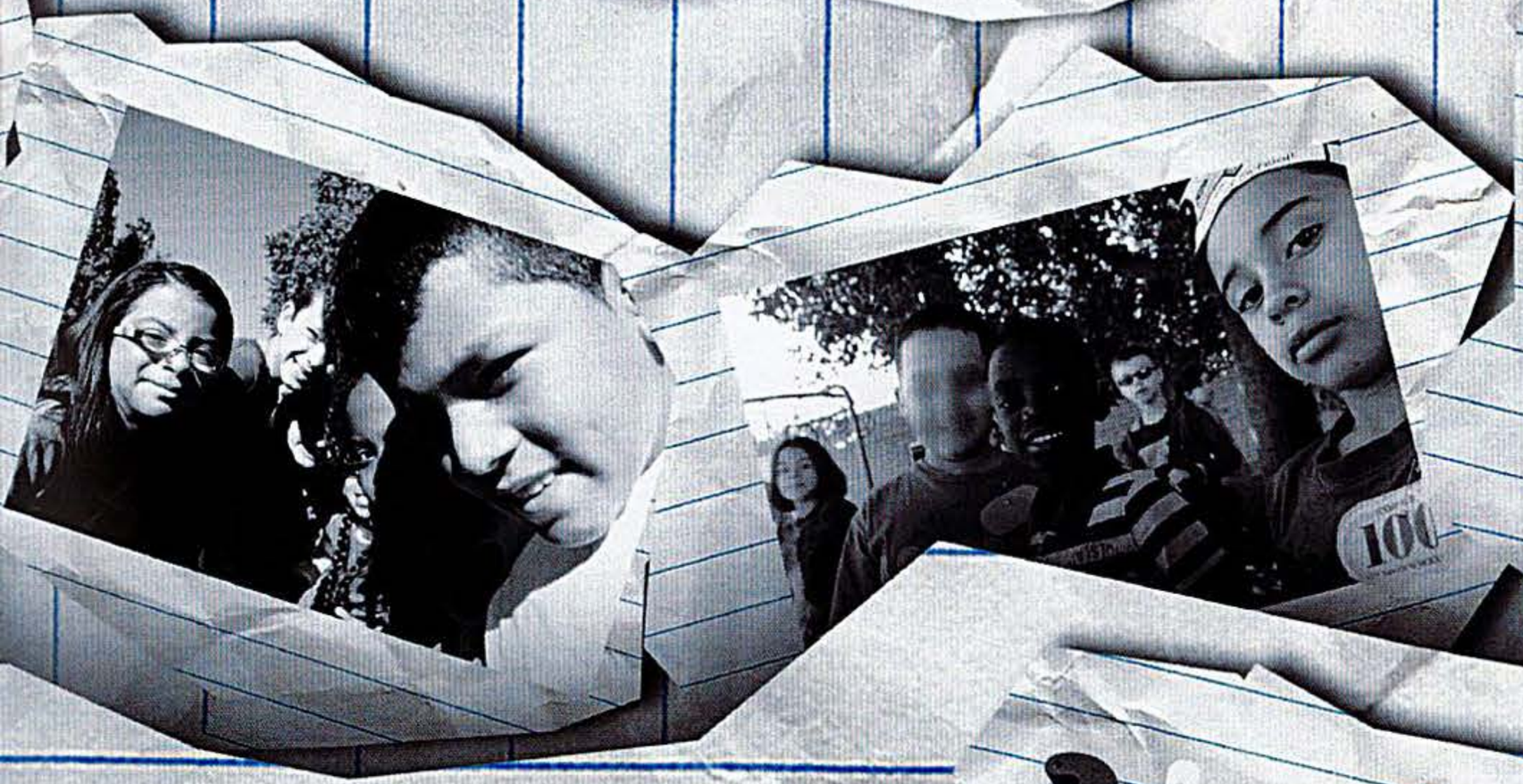
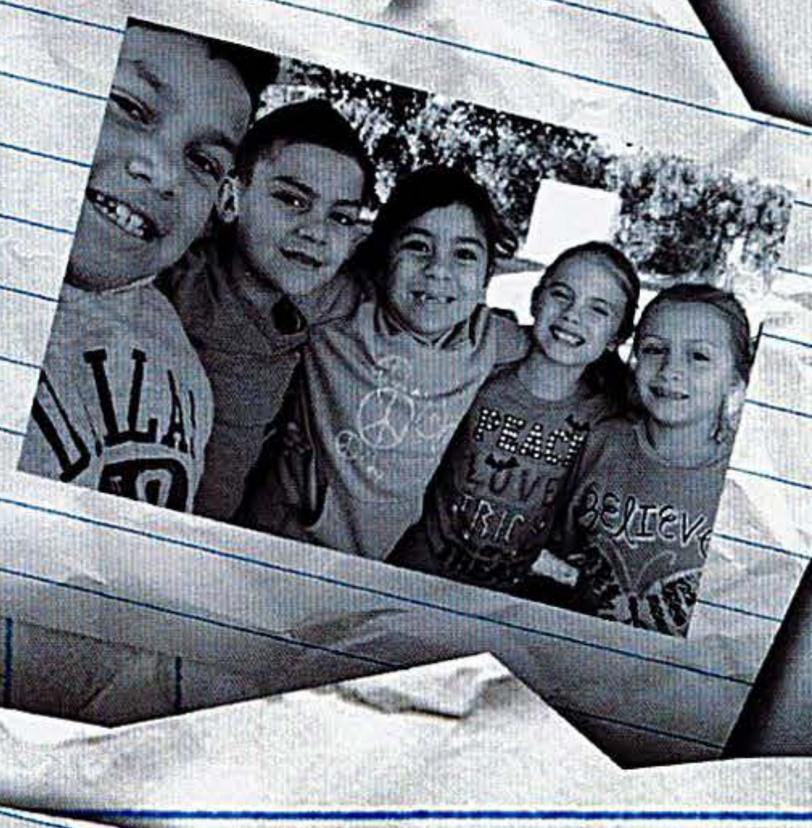
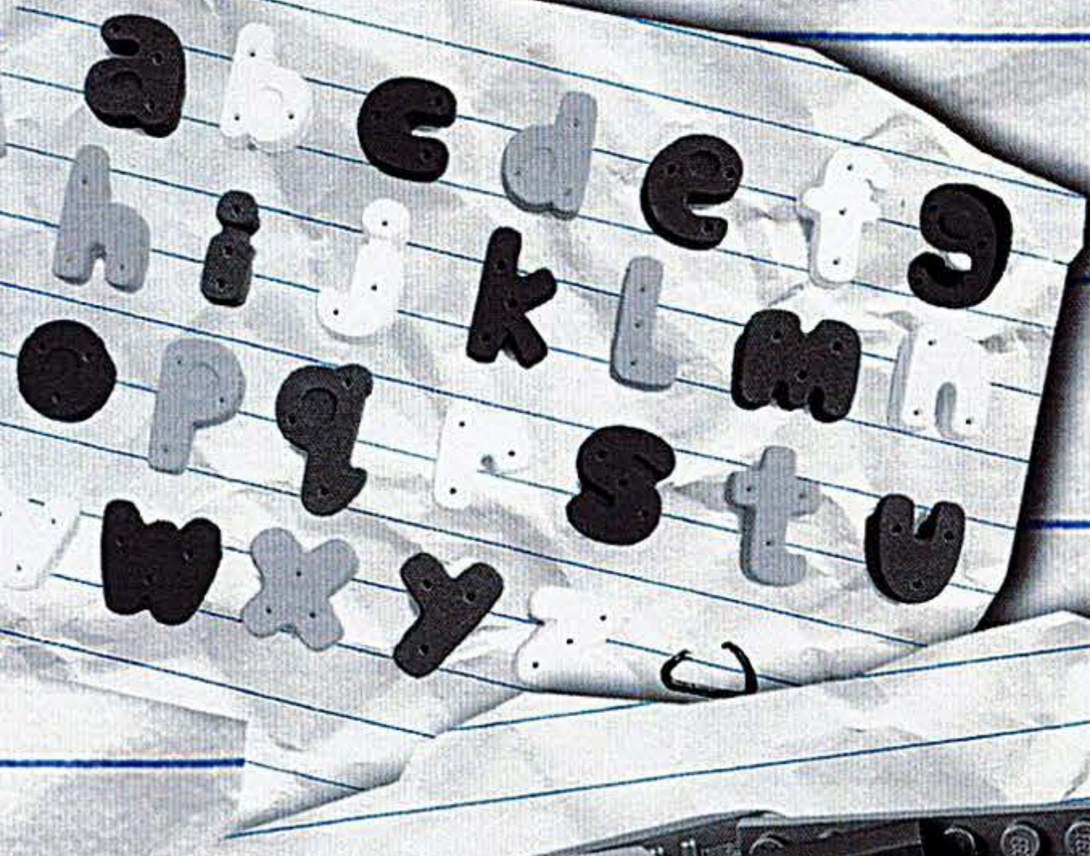
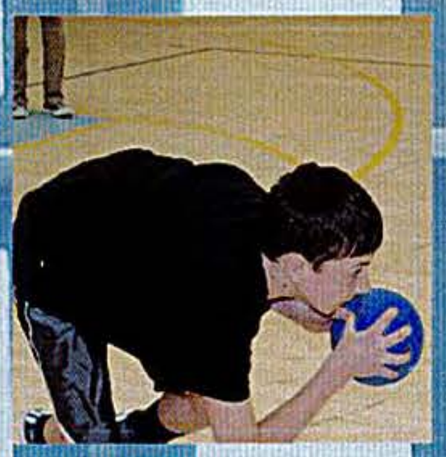






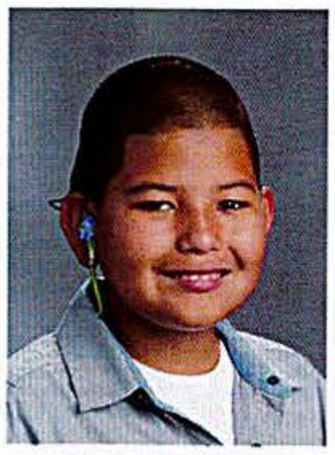


Are you ready to become...
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS?

Look around you. Things are changing.
Gossip is spreading. Homework is increasing. Life seems to get more complicated. But amidst all this chaos, you start to piece together things about yourself. Your friends. Your enemies. You figure out who you are and your place in this world. It can be especially difficult to find where exactly you fit in. Middle school is where you can find your individual style, your future career, your connection with people, your passion for sports and your purpose in this world.

What will you find?

4th GRADE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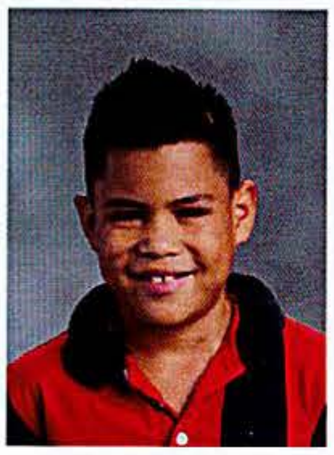
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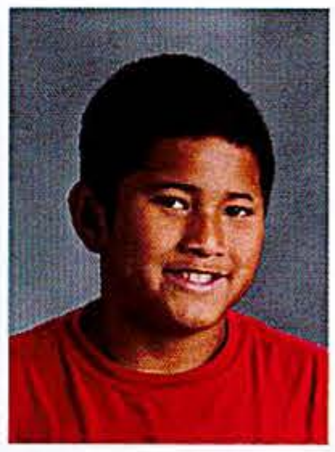
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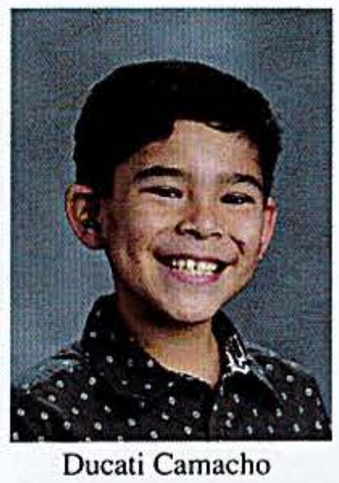
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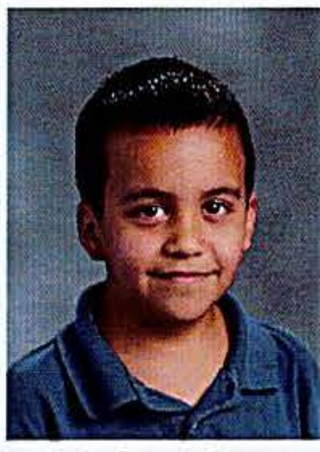
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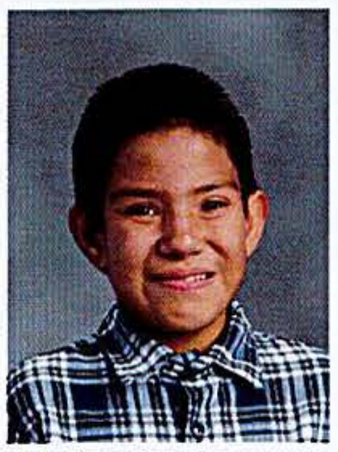
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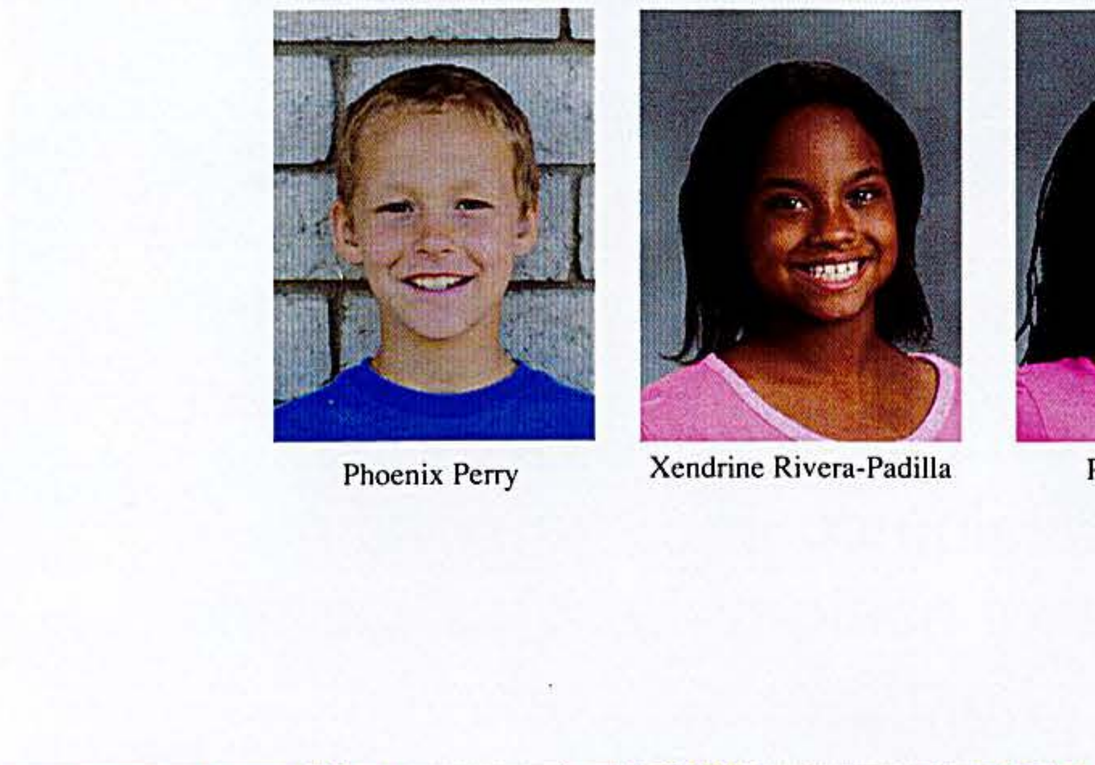

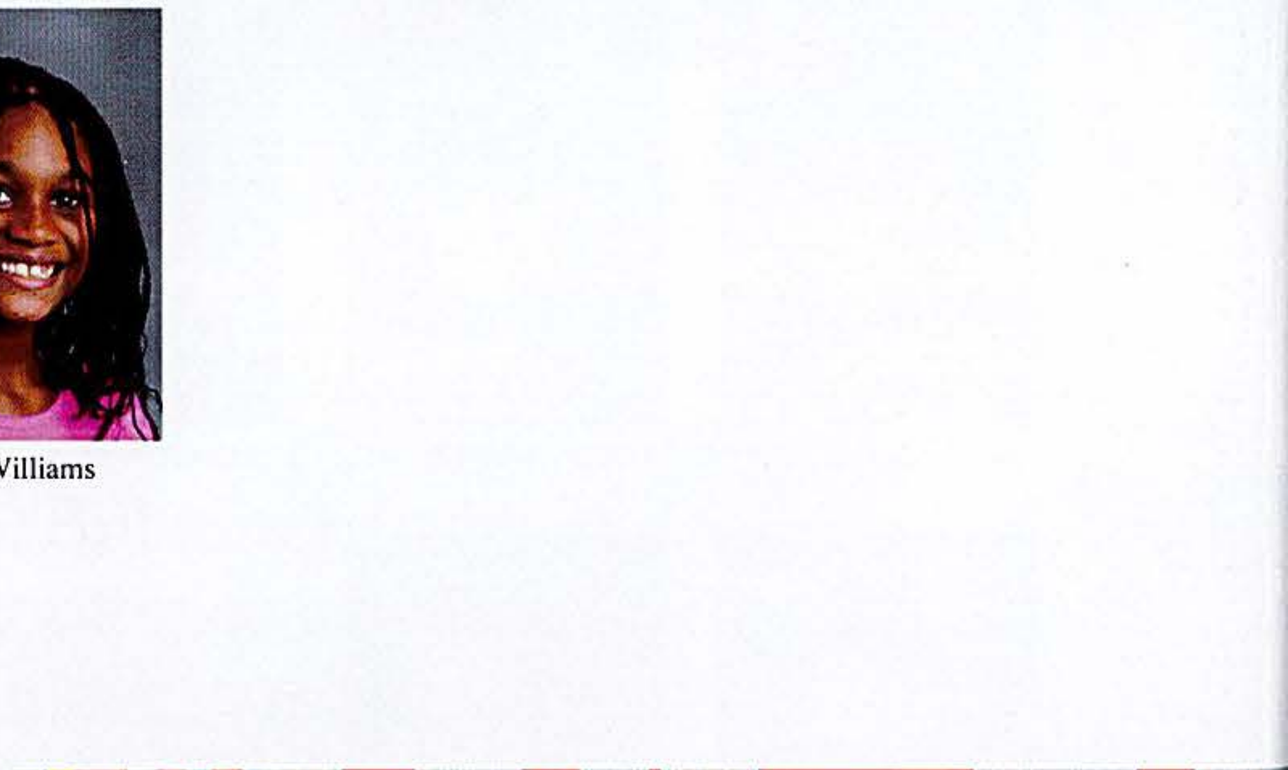

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Alexis Fonseca Zavala

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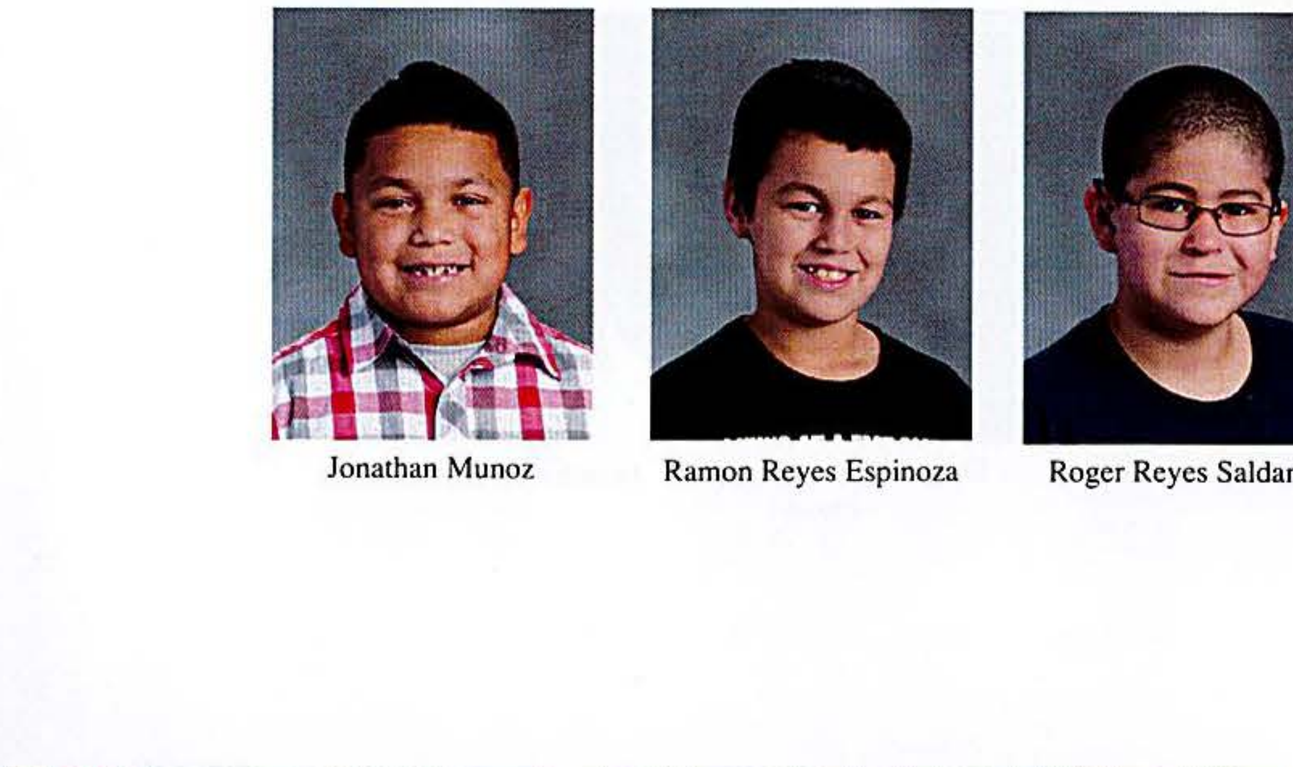

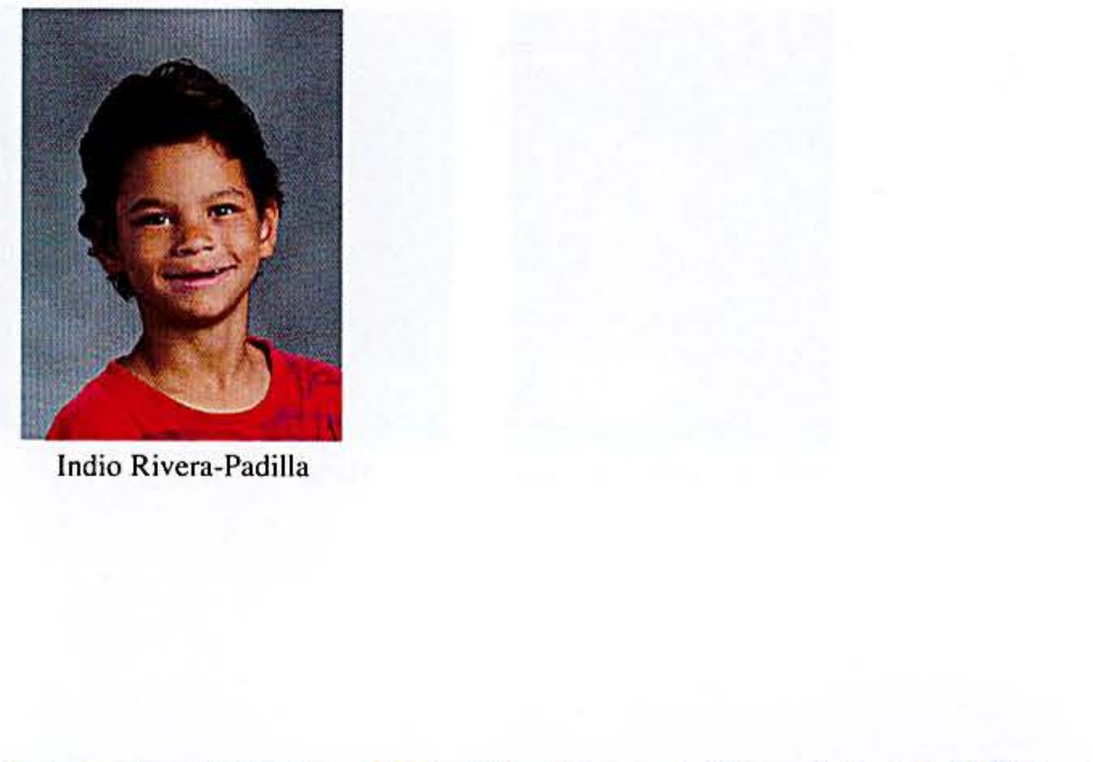

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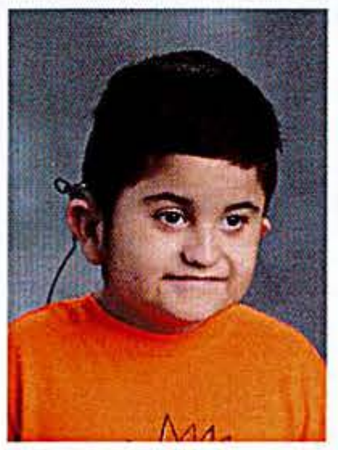
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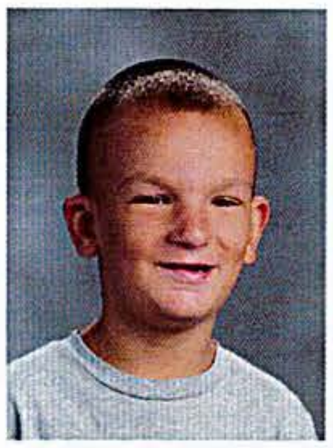
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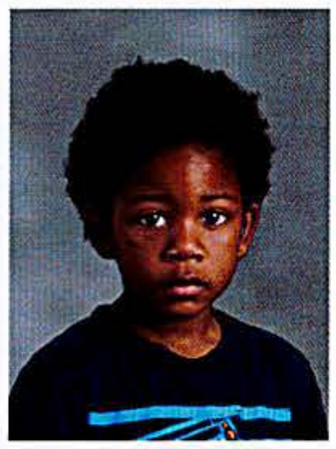
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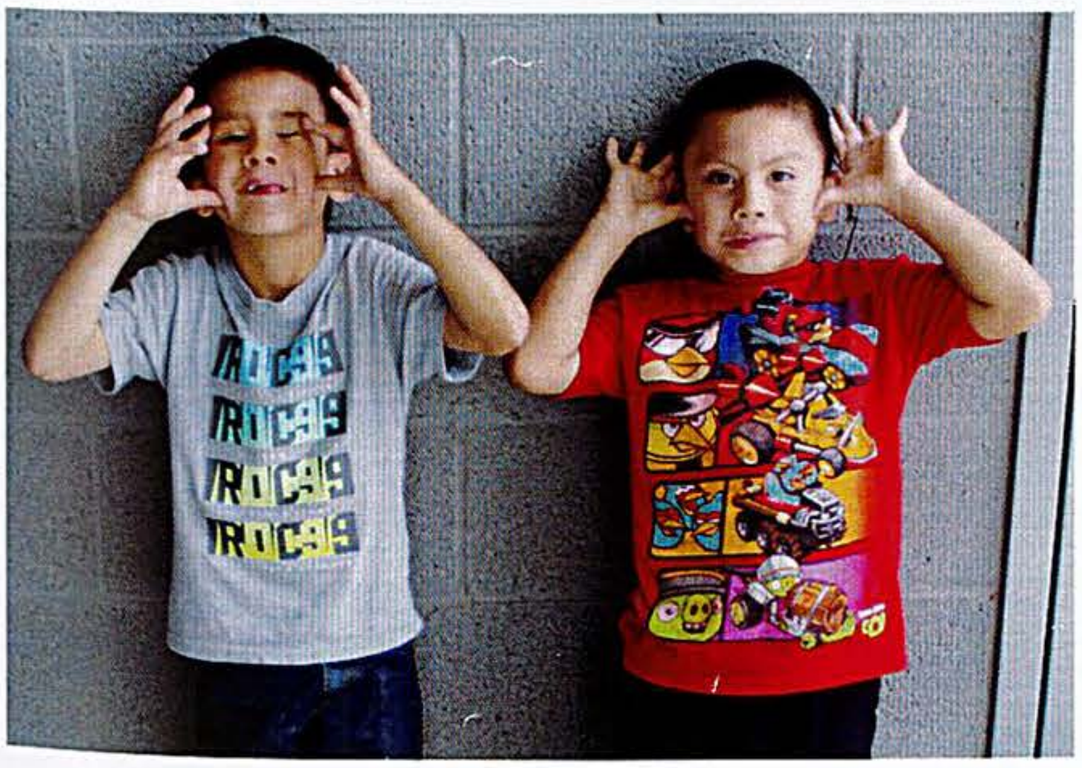

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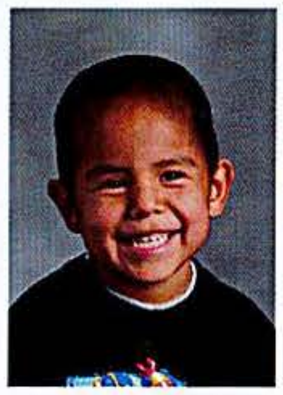
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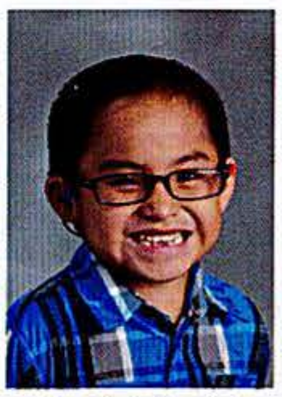
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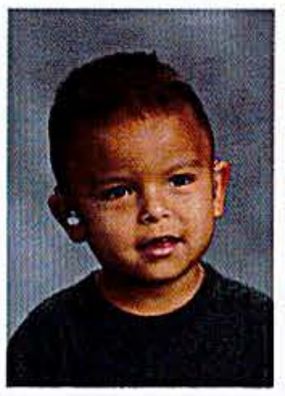
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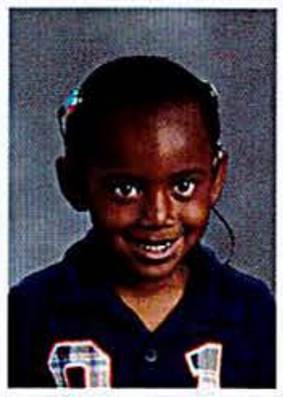
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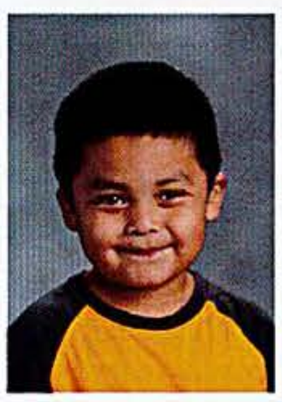
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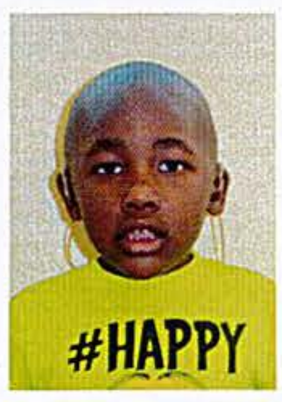

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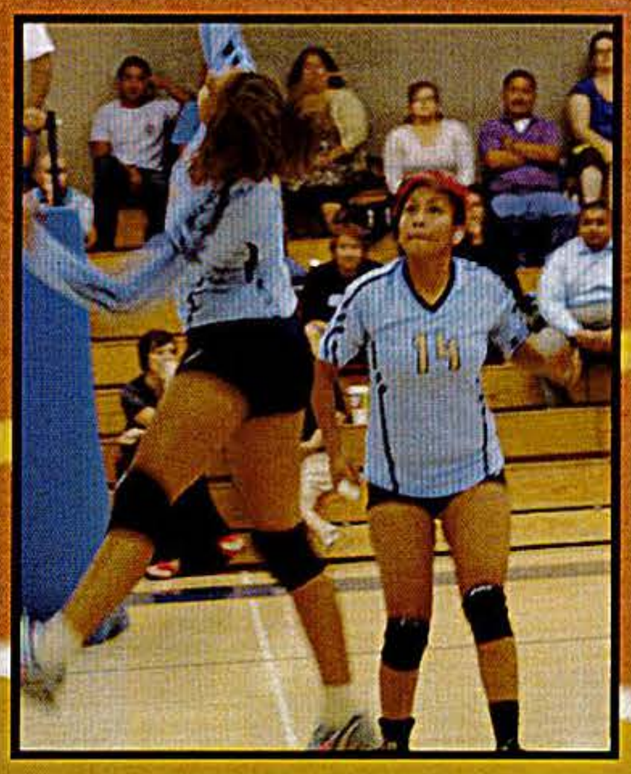

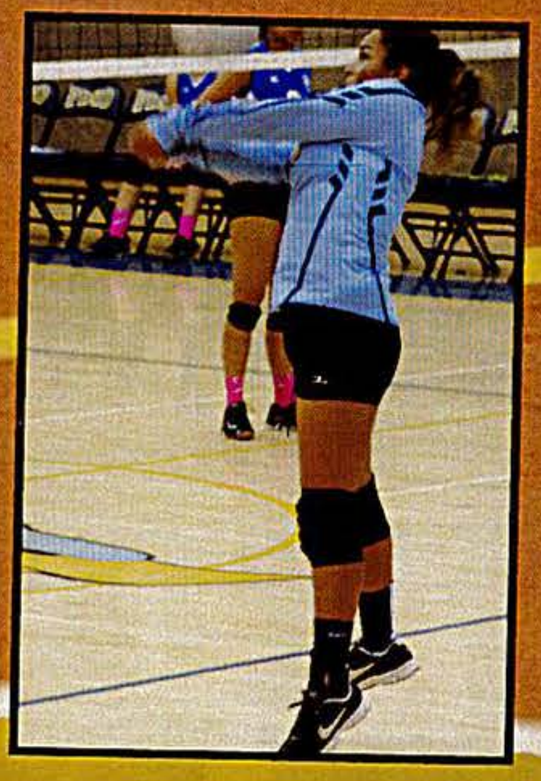

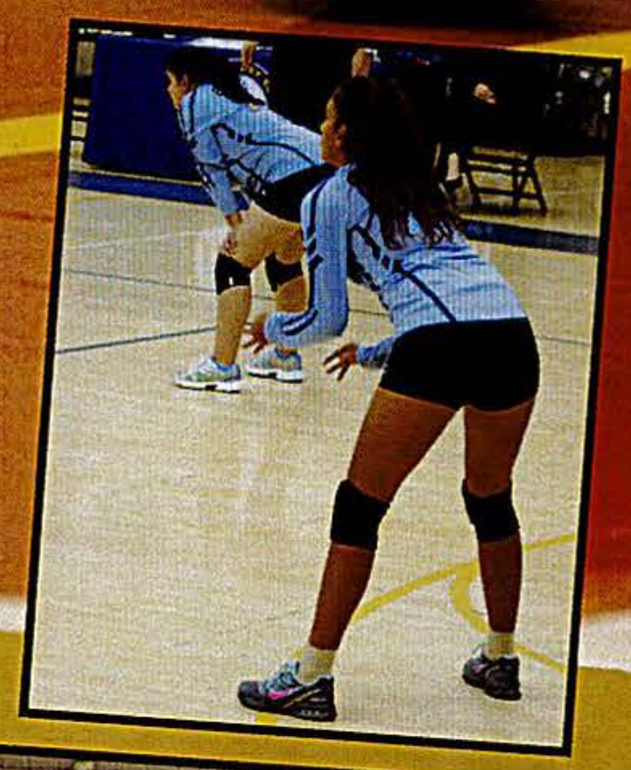

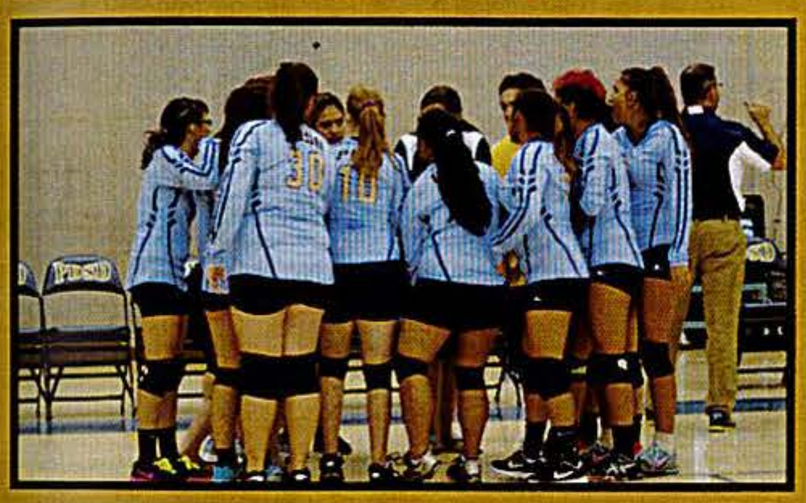

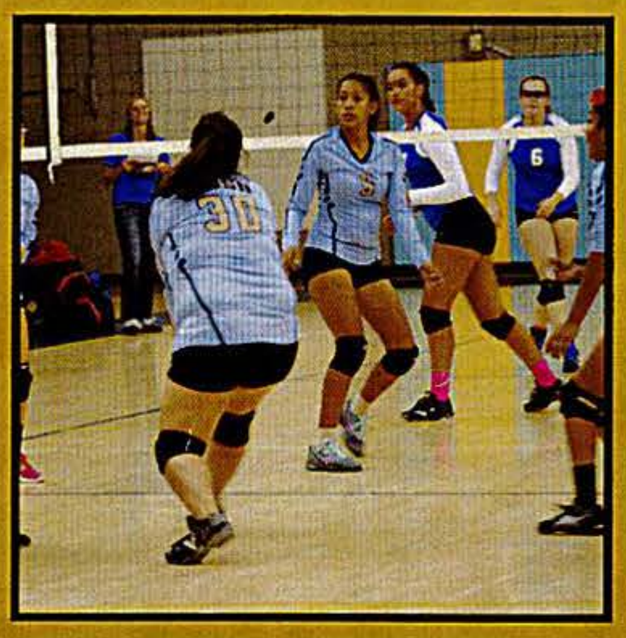

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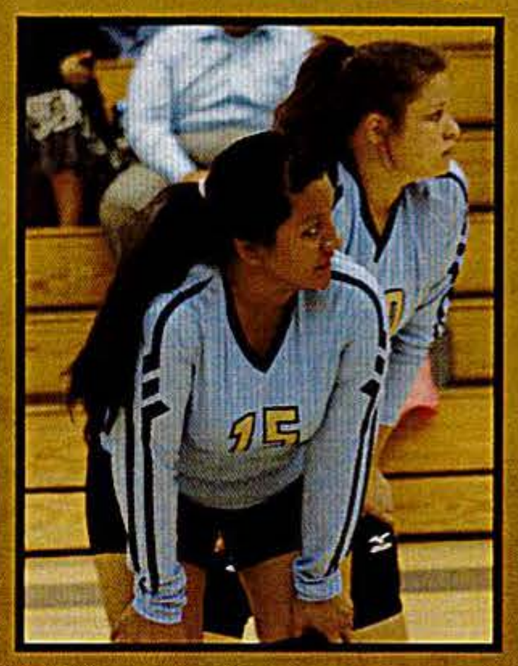

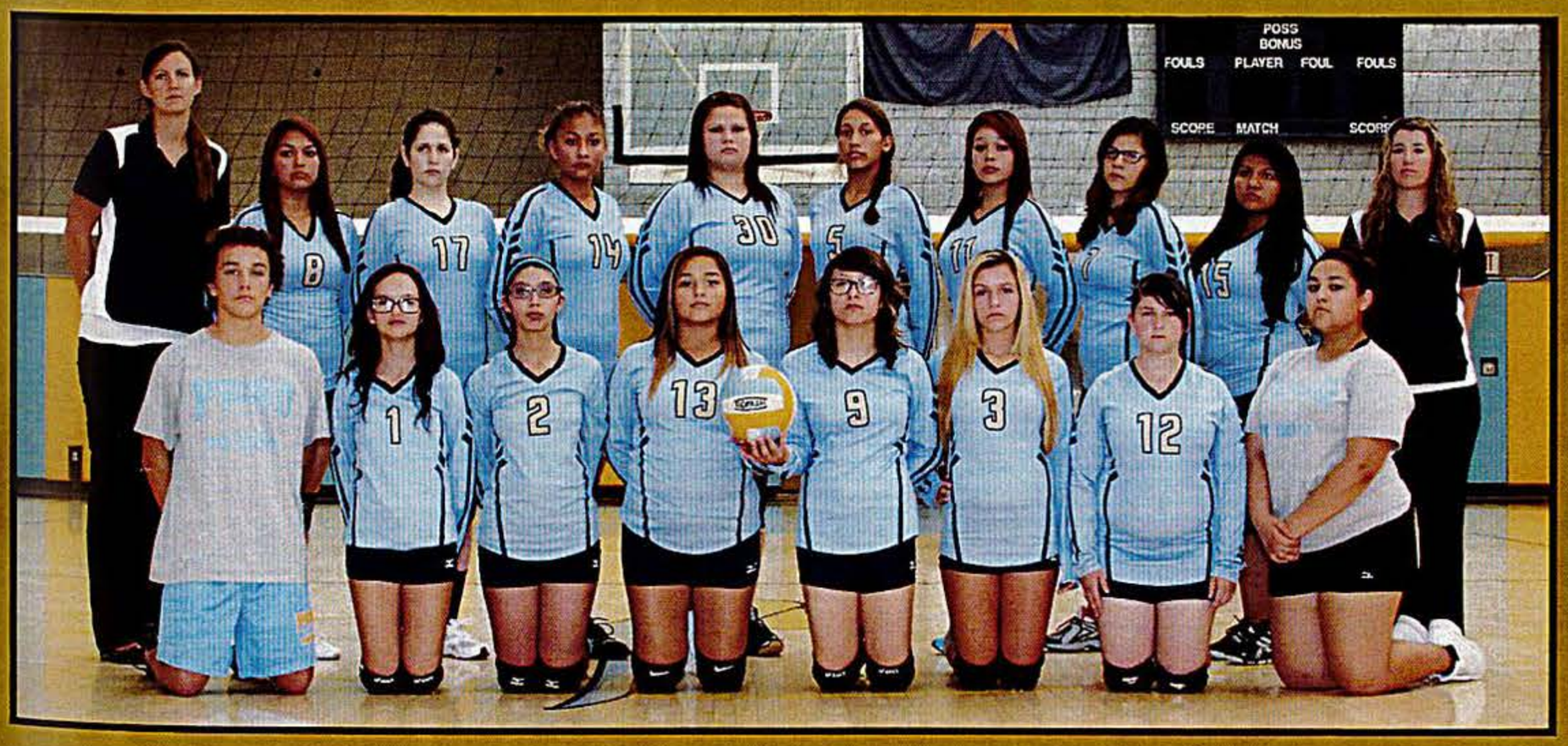

Basketball

High School Girls

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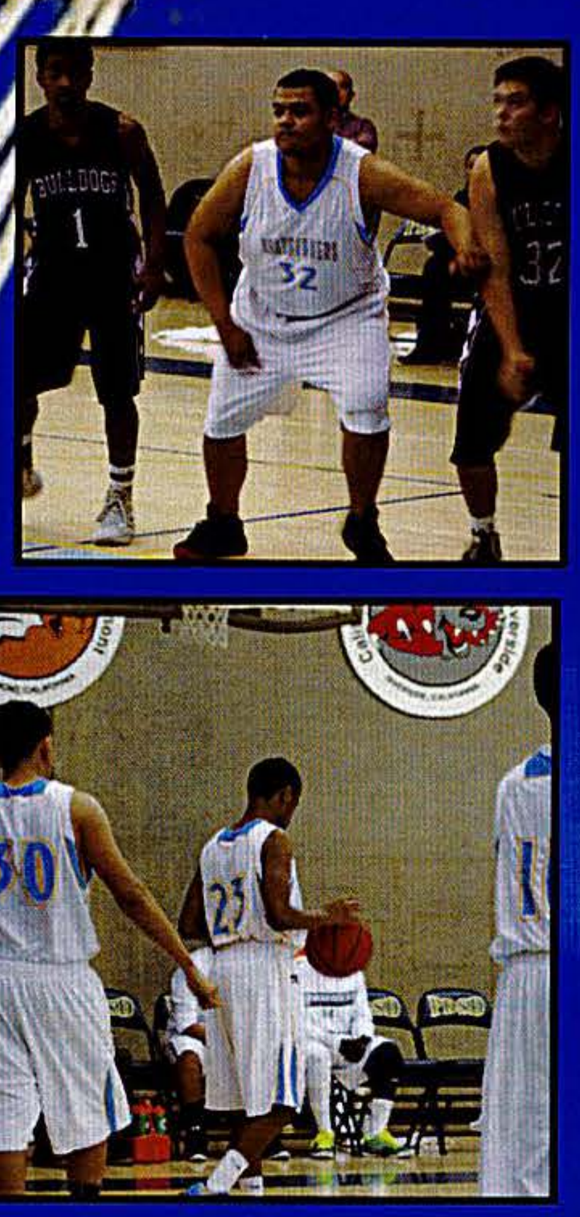
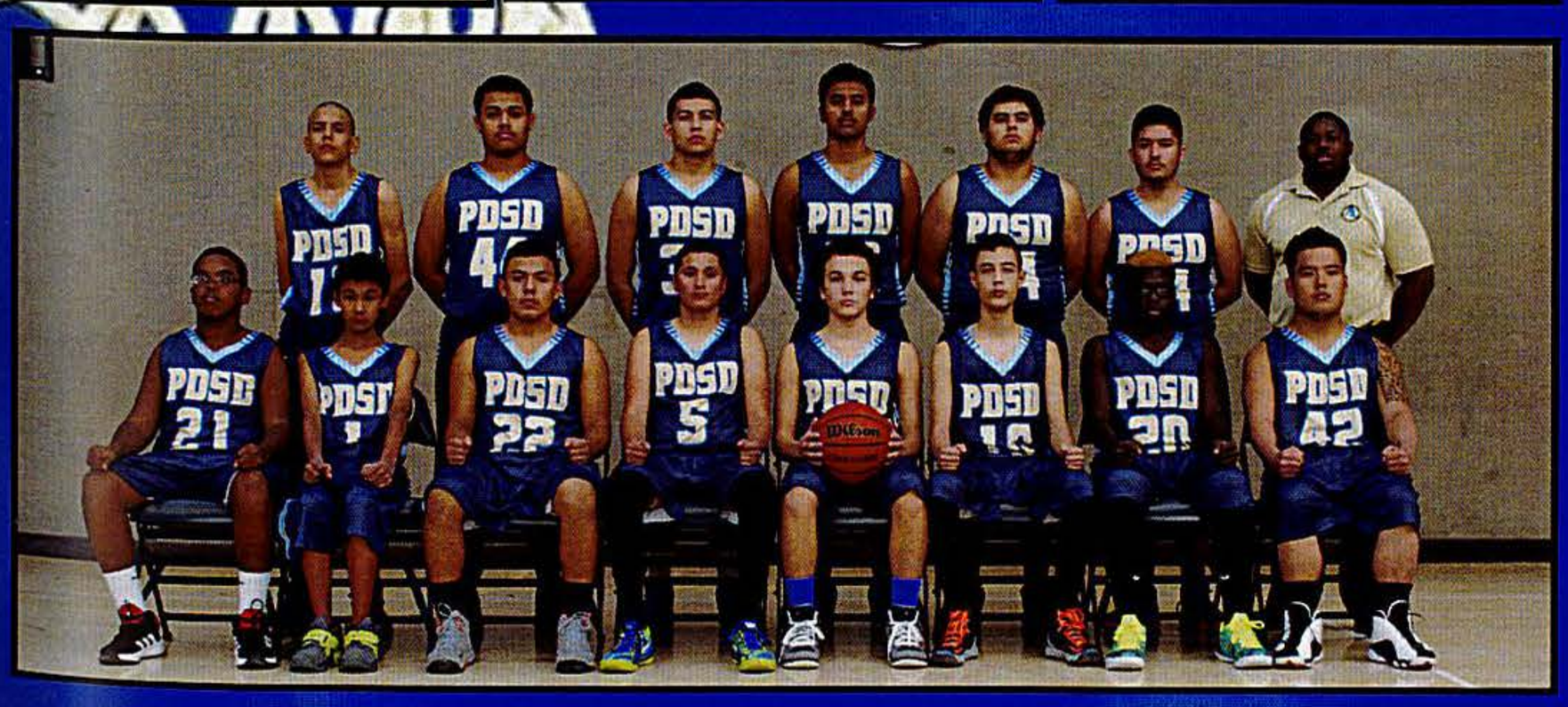
Basketball

High School Boys





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Track & Field

High School

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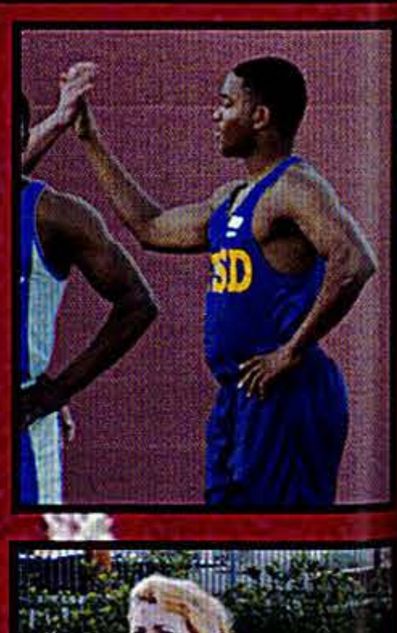

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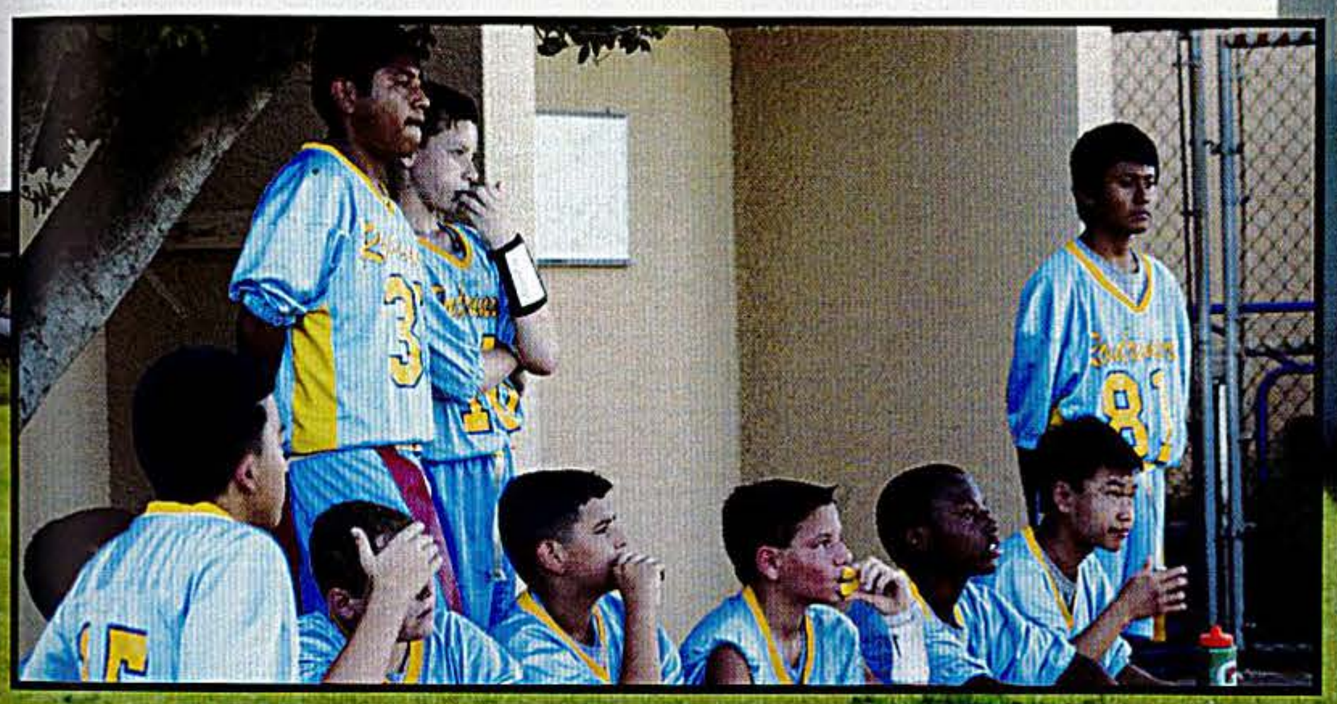
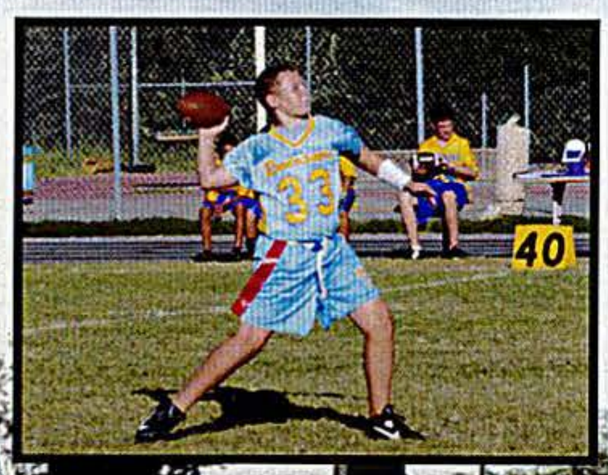
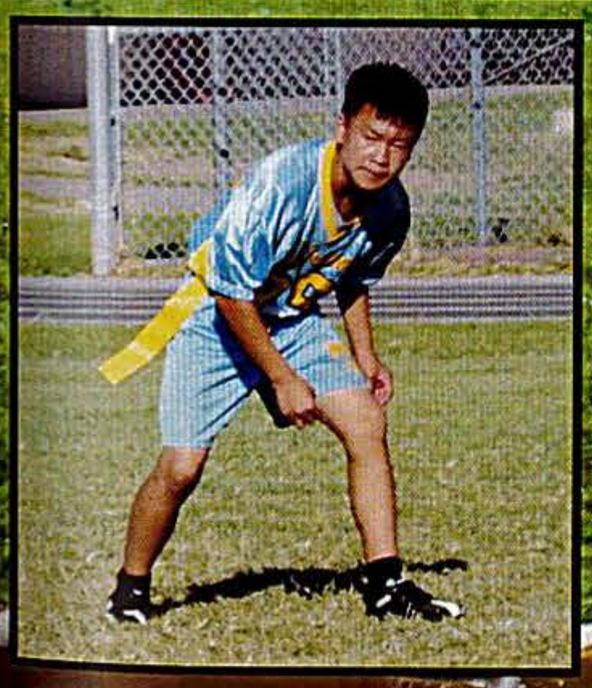
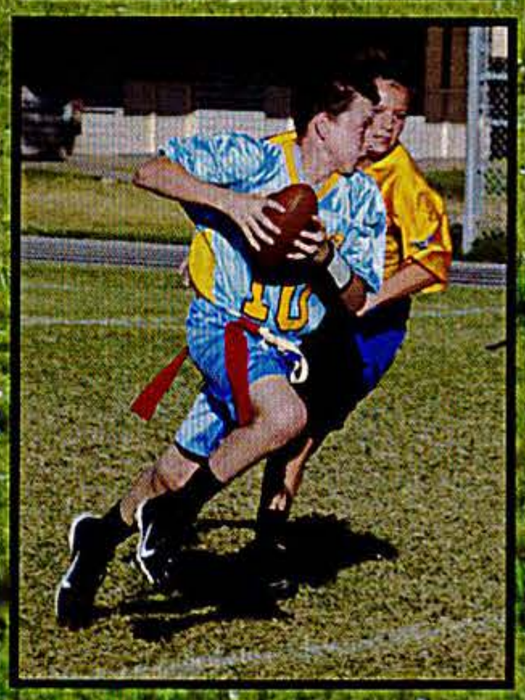
COACHES: Teddy Hall and Michael Atwood.



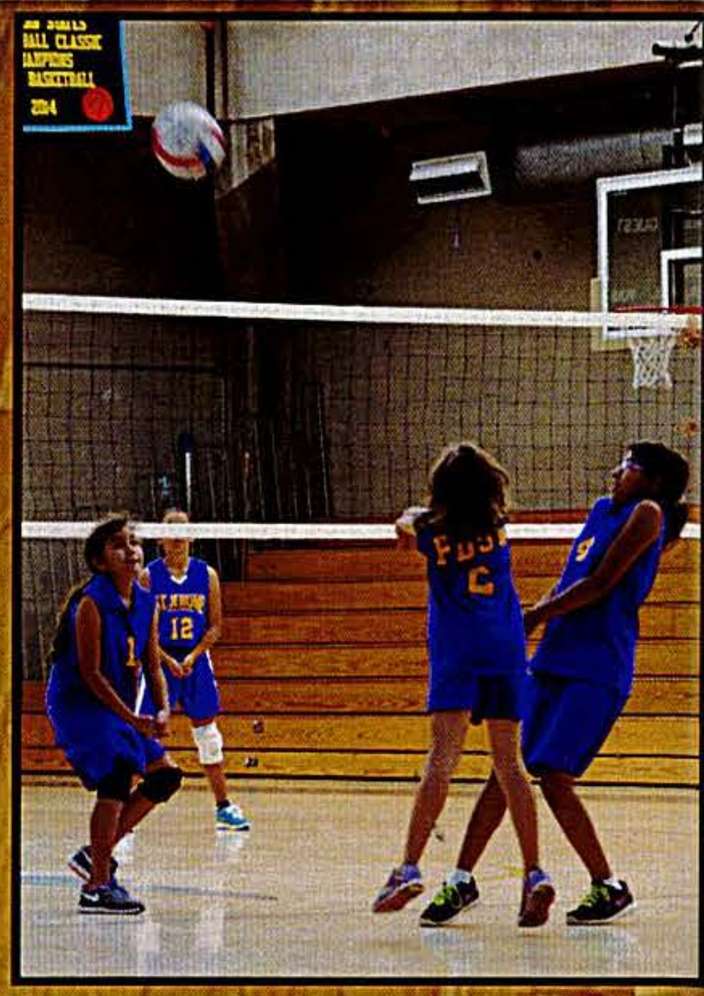






Flag Football

Middle School Boys



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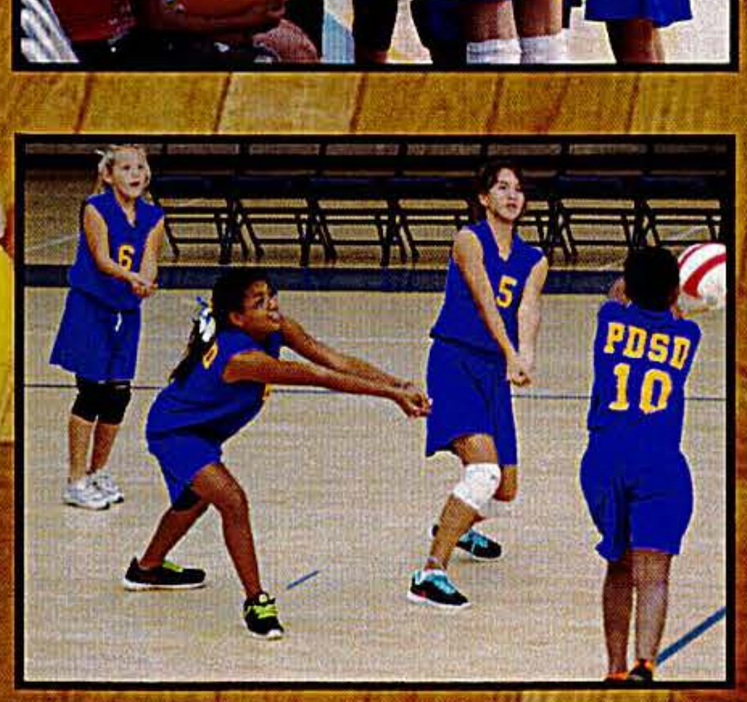
Volleyball

MS Girls (5/6 Grade)



Volleyball

MS Girls (7/8 Grade)

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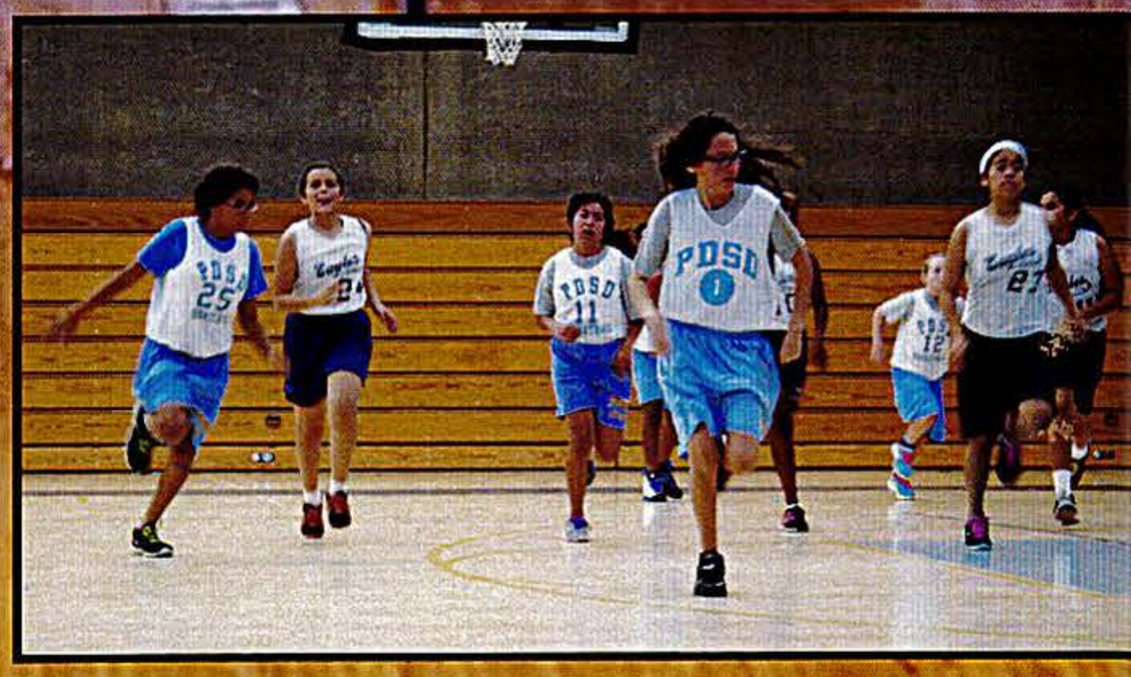
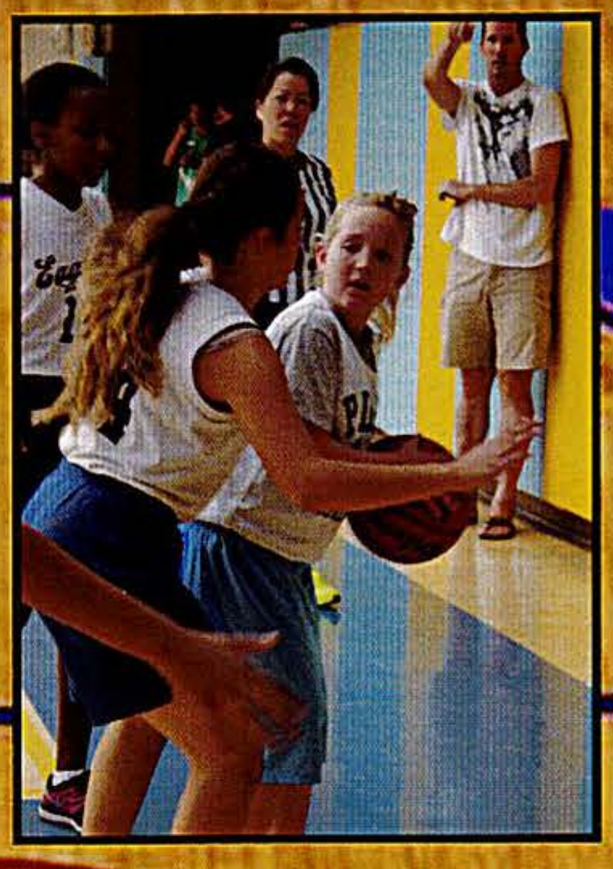
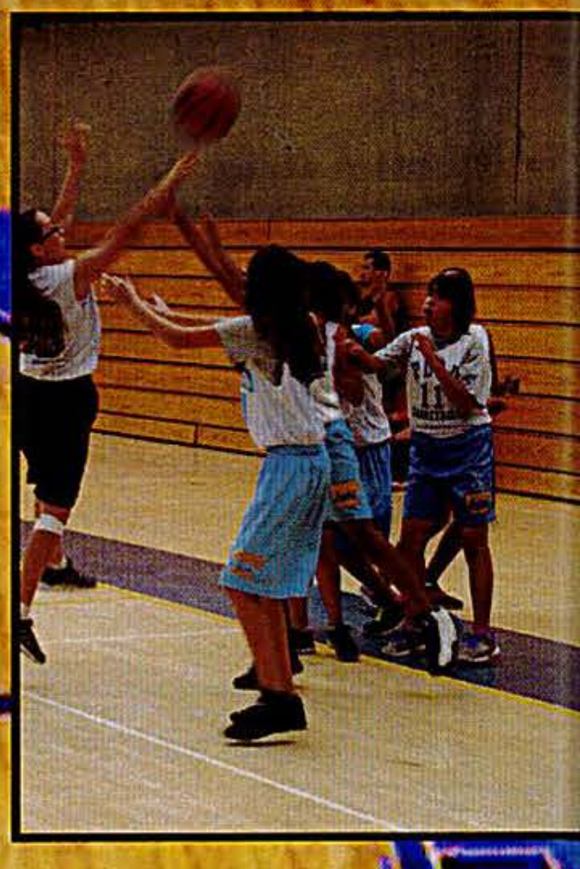
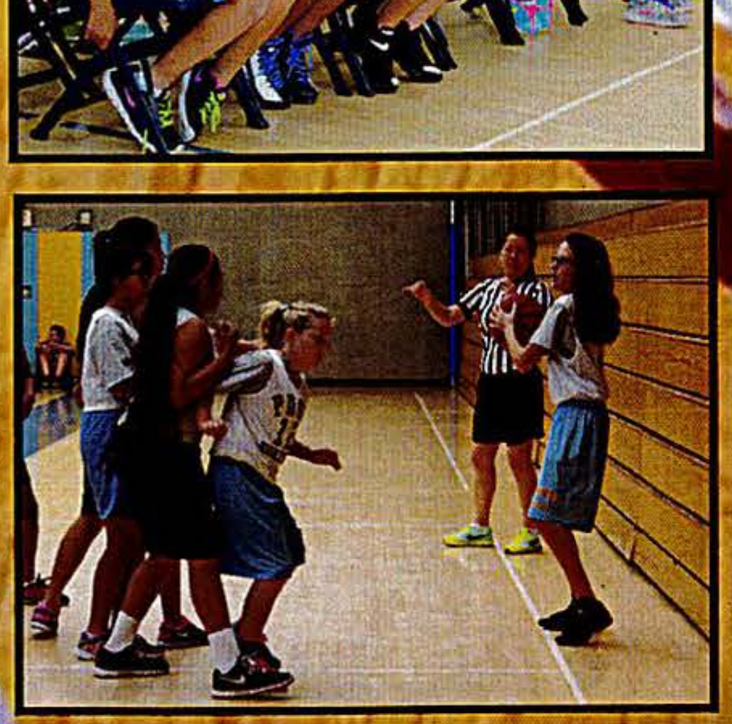
Basketball

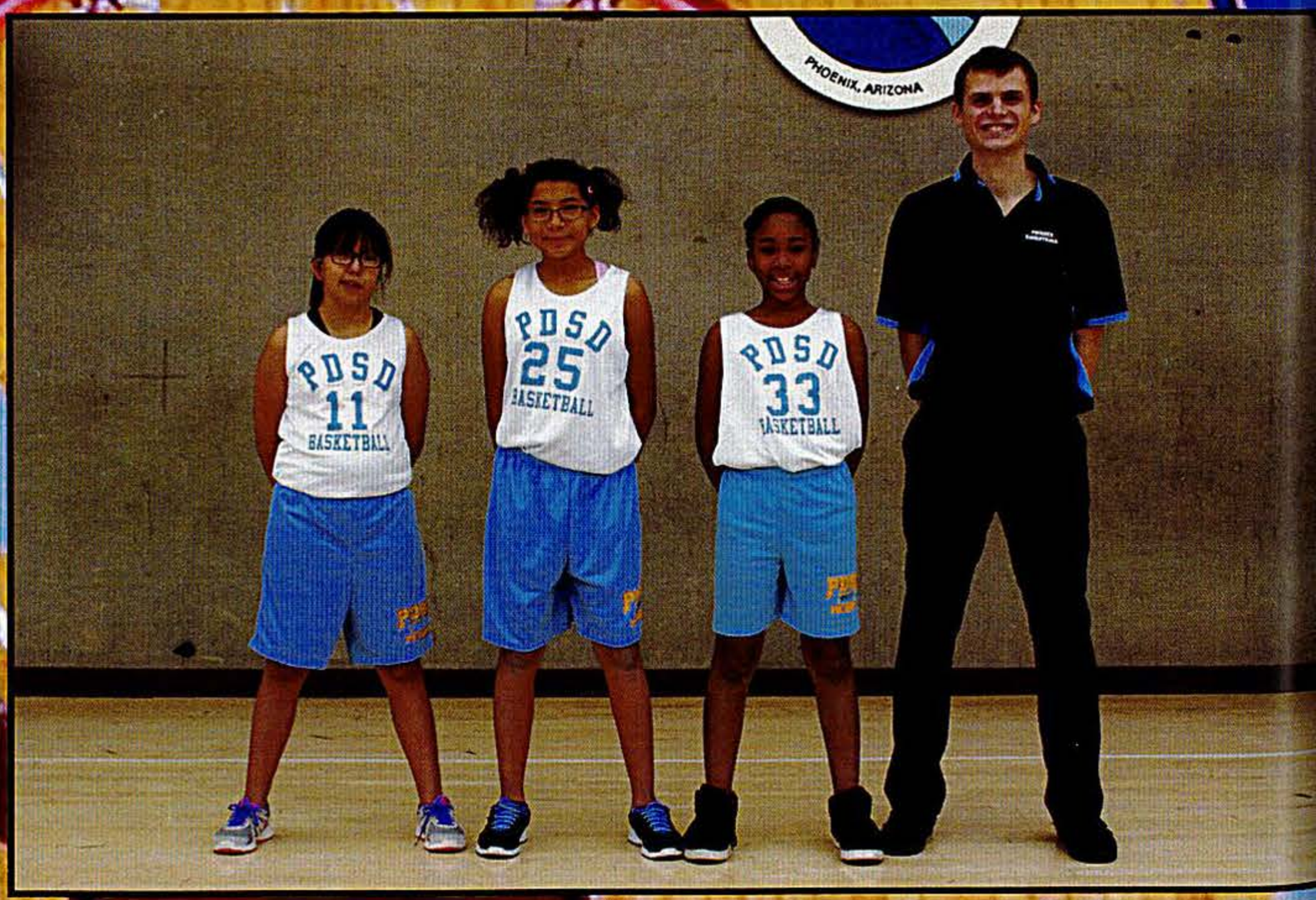
Middle School 5/6 Girls











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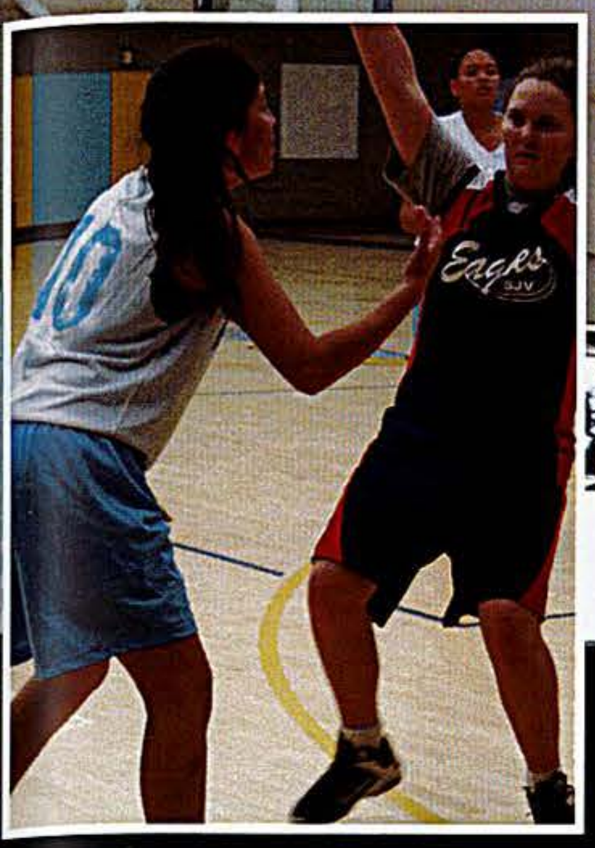

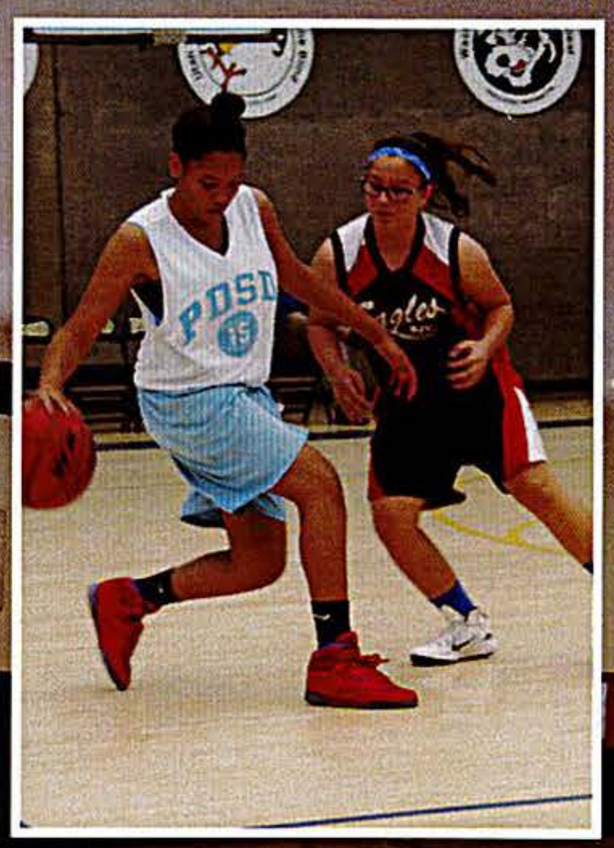

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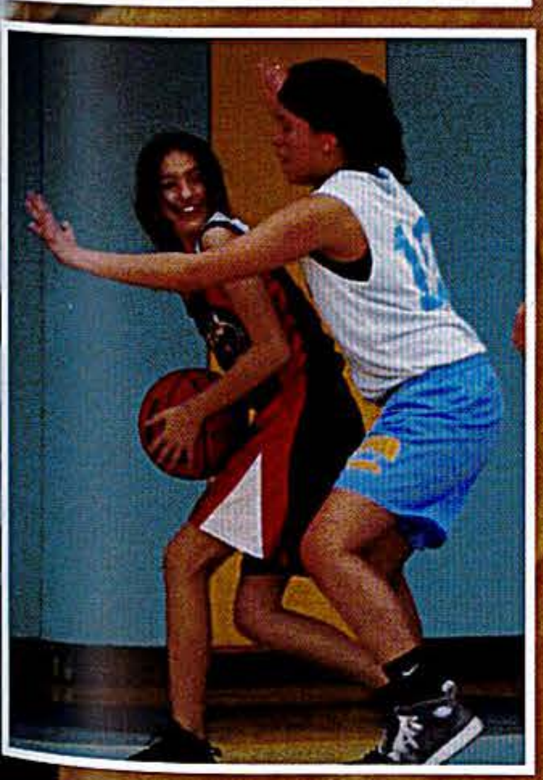

Basketball

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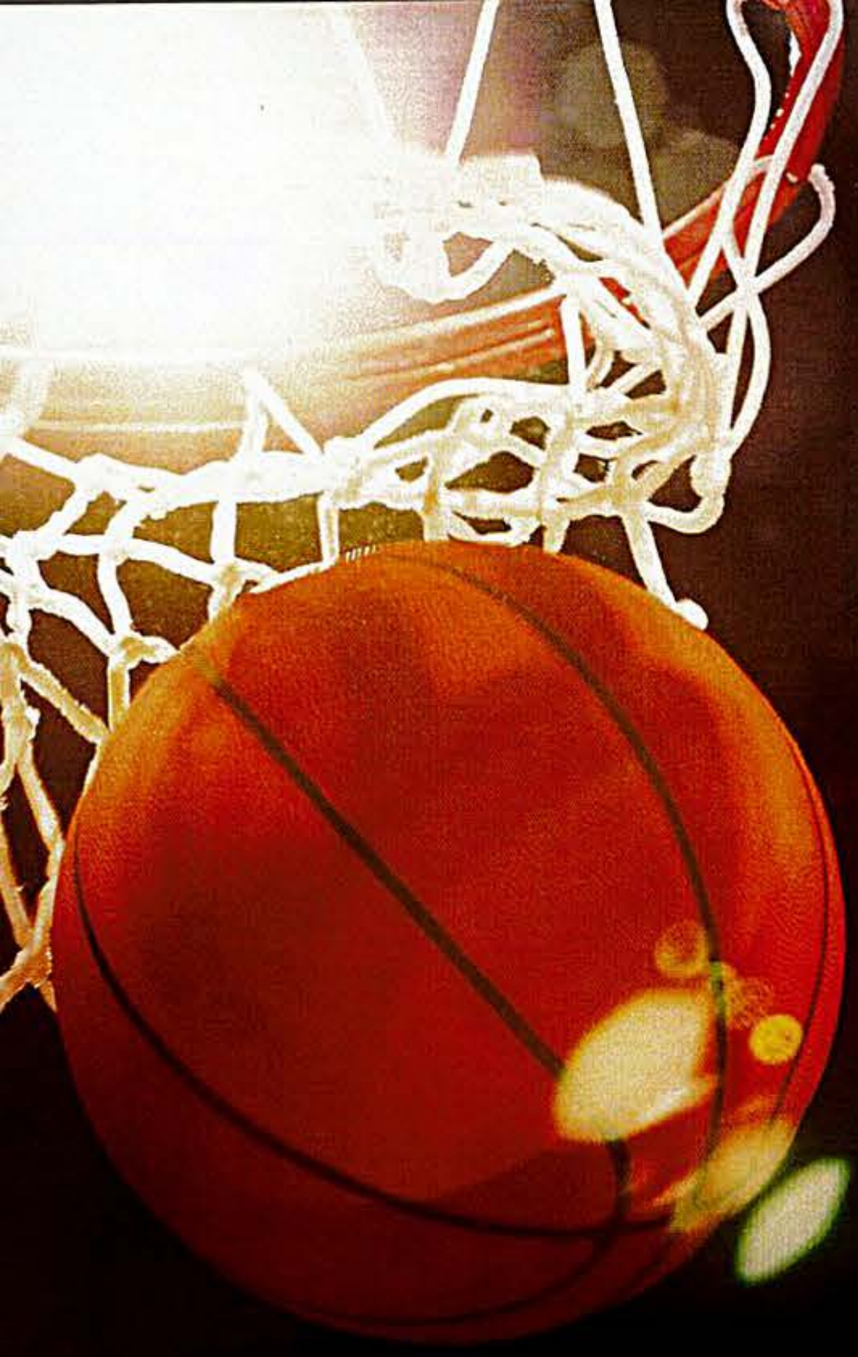

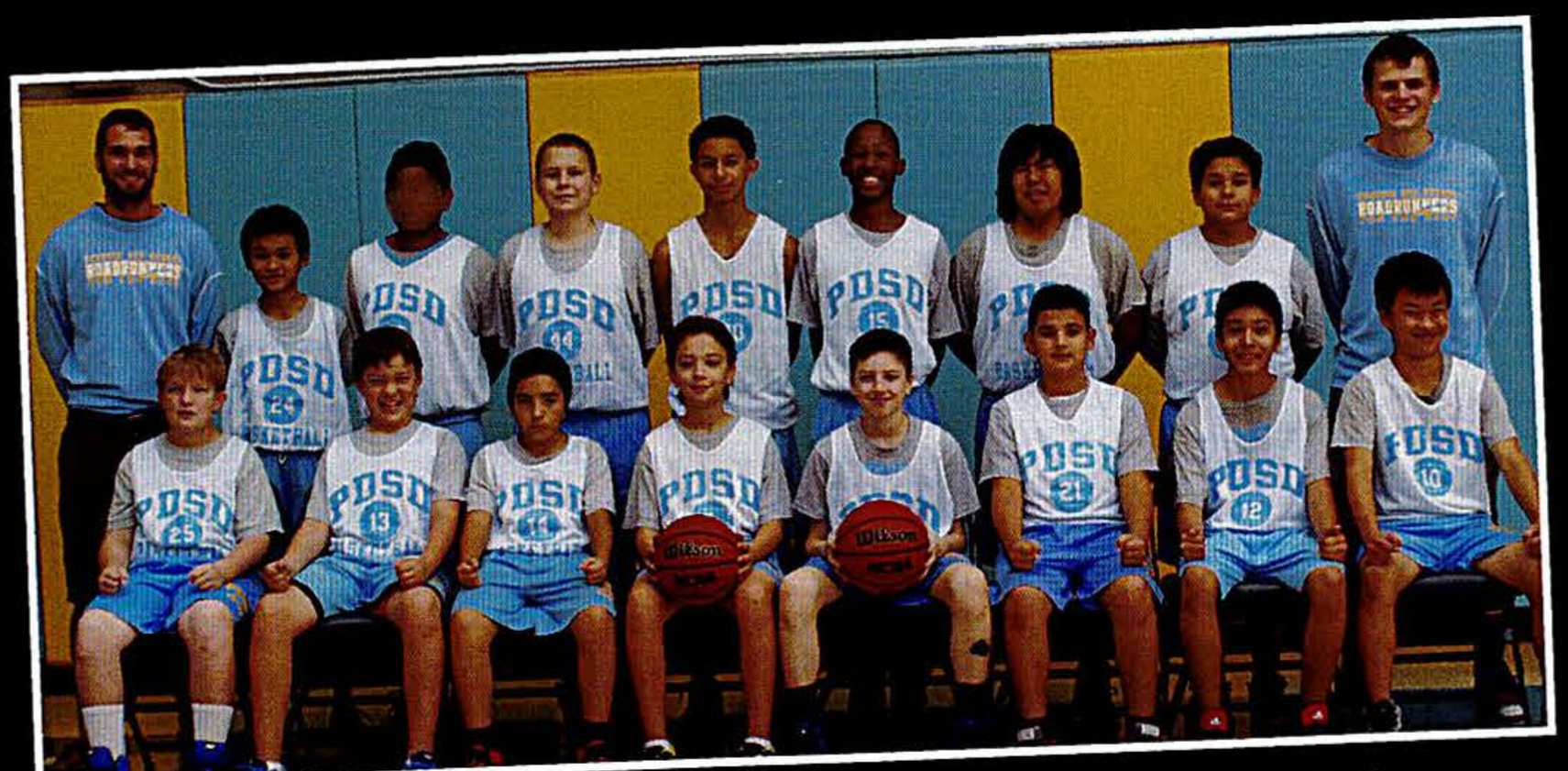

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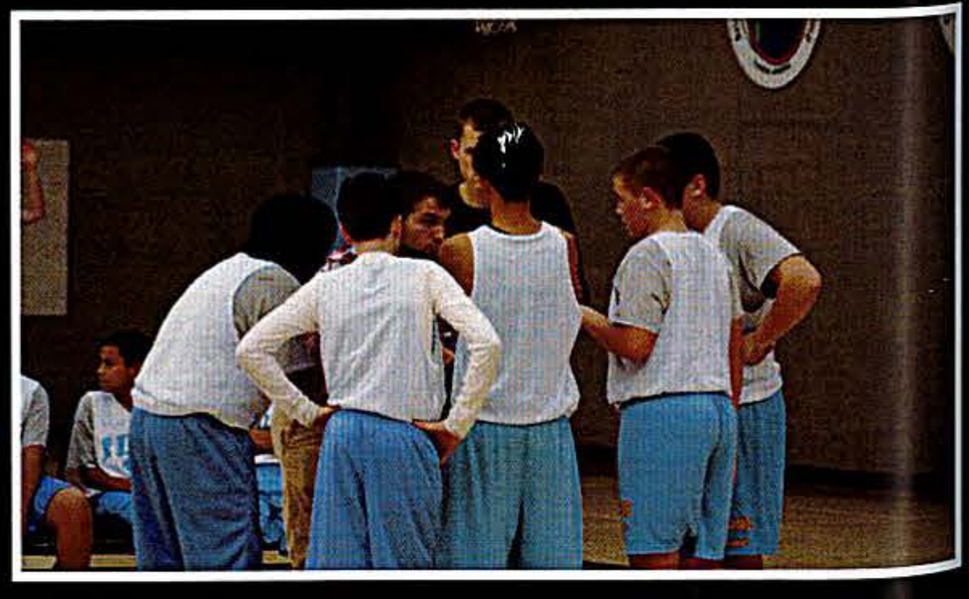
Basketball

Middle School Boys



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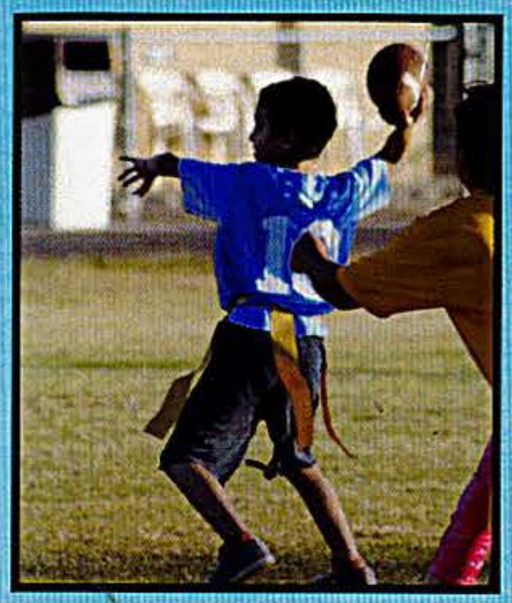

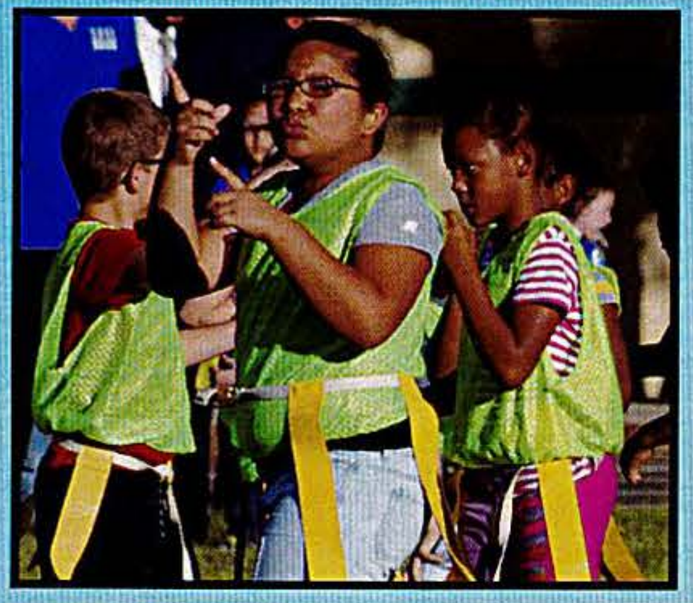
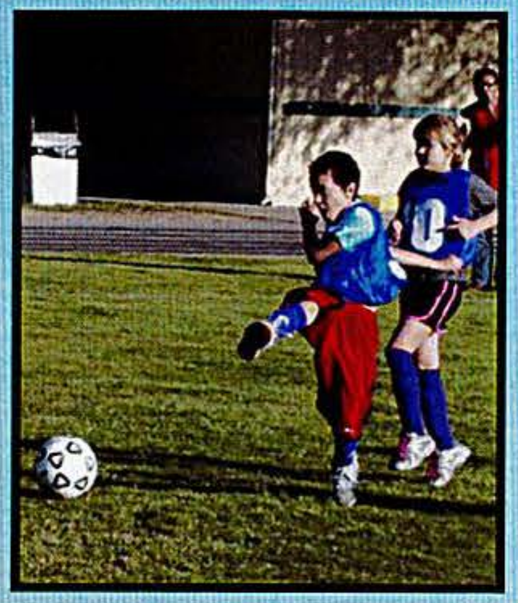
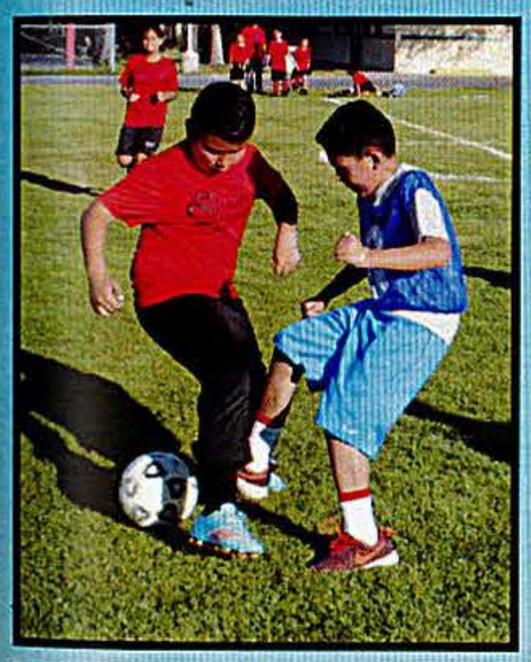

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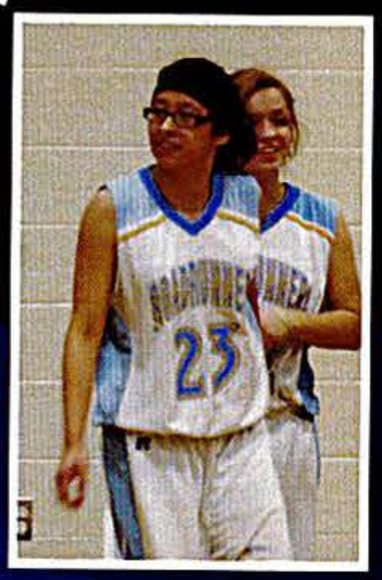
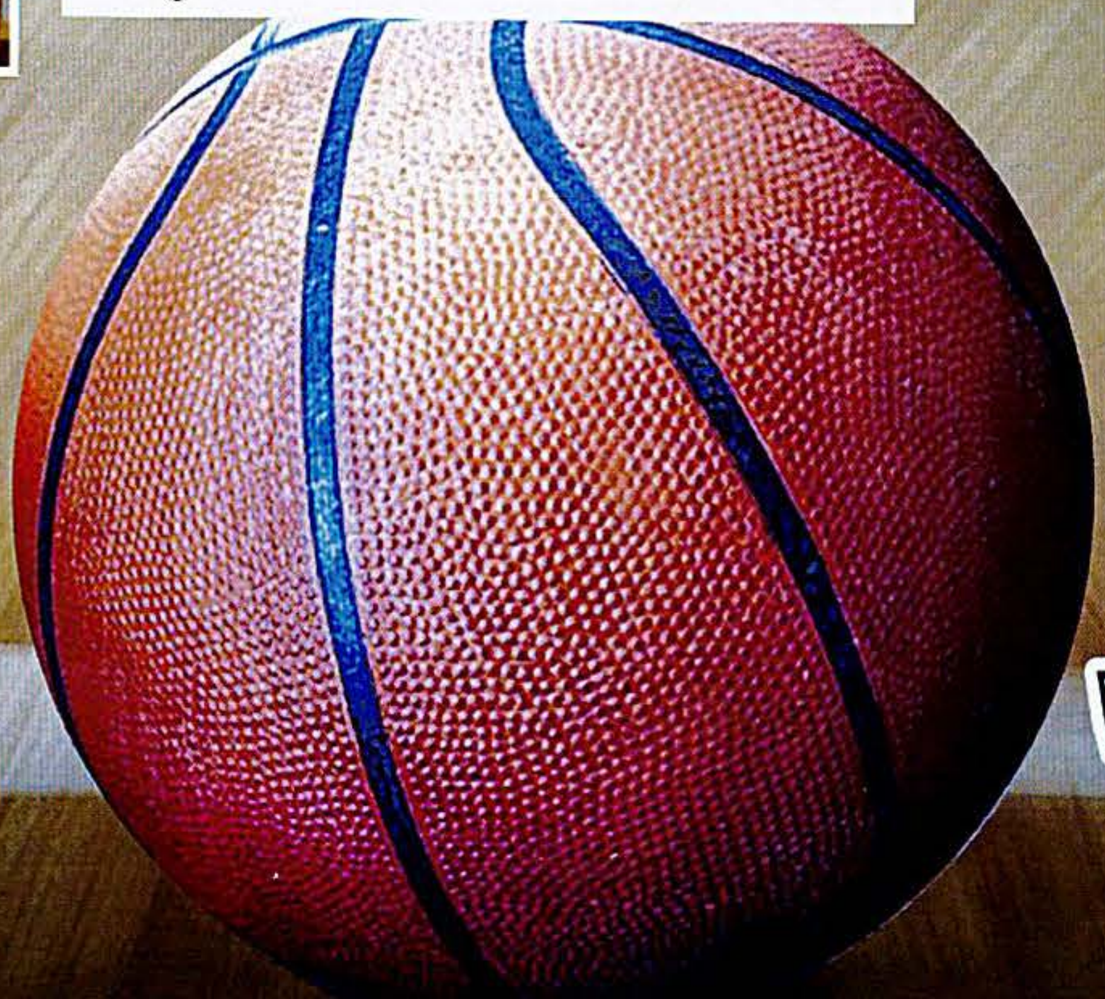


The competition our teams went up against was good! Our boys came in second and the girls came in third. Brianna Infante, Cameron Van Zuiden, Jesus Espinoza and Rafael Alejandro Navarro Cabeza were all-stars first team. Alberto Godinez and Stephanie Ramsey received second team honors. Congrats to our Roadrunners!!



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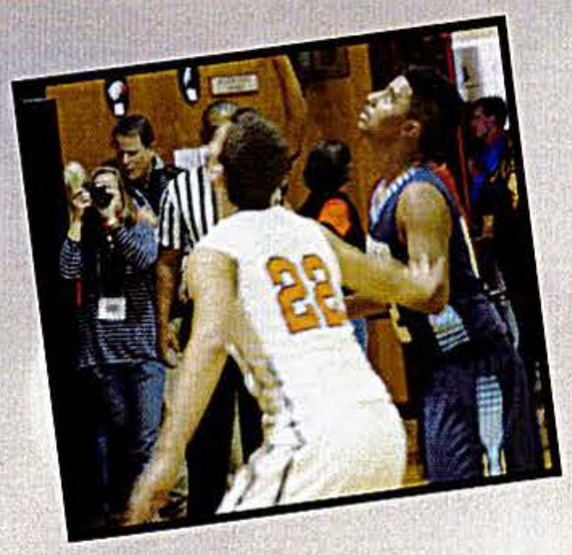
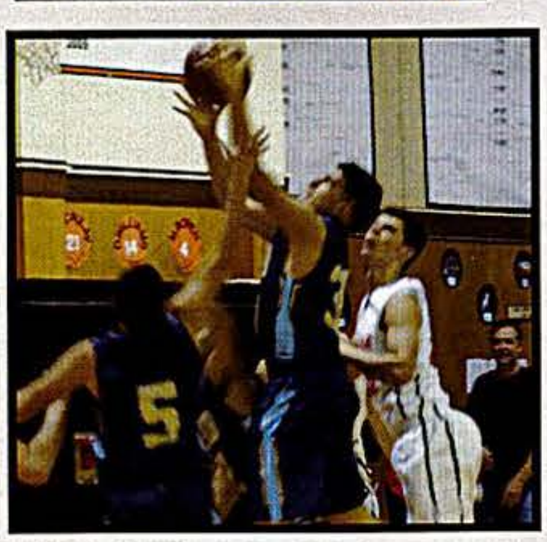
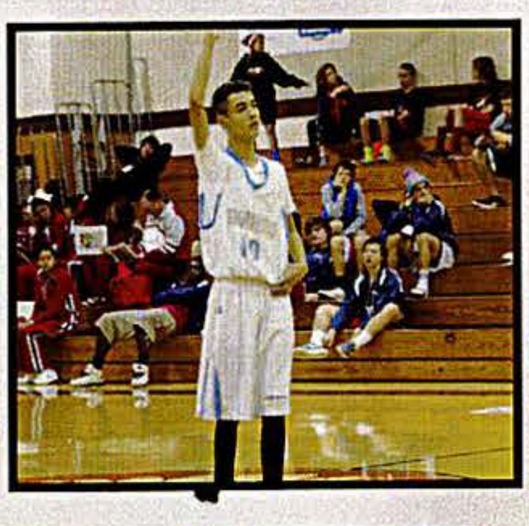


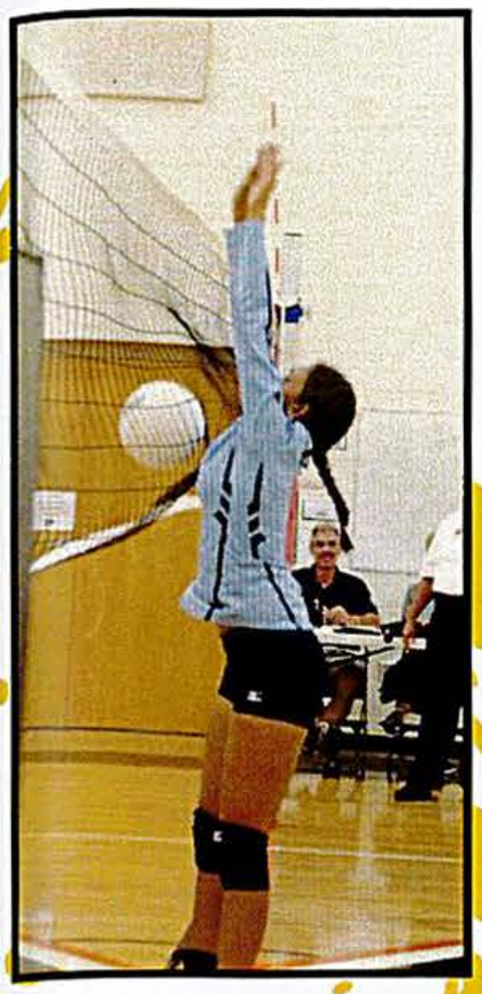


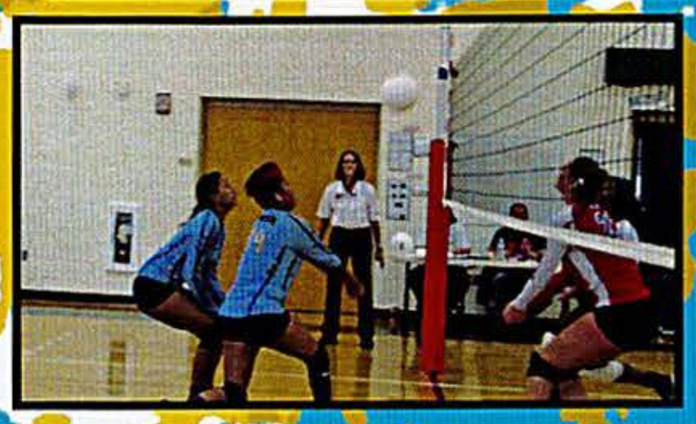


Traveling to Fremont, CA

Our varsity basketball teams were invited to participate in the elite Clerc Basketball Tournament in Fremont, California. It was an honor to be invited to the tournament, and our coaches and players were all eager to show our Roadrunner Pride. Some of the other schools invited were Indiana, Maryland, MSSD, Minnesota and Texas.

We played against some really good teams - a challenge but a great experience as well! Our girls brought back the Sportsmanship trophy and Jesus Espinoza and Janet Talas earned the all-star awards. We worked hard and had a lot of fun in our travels to the San Francisco area.





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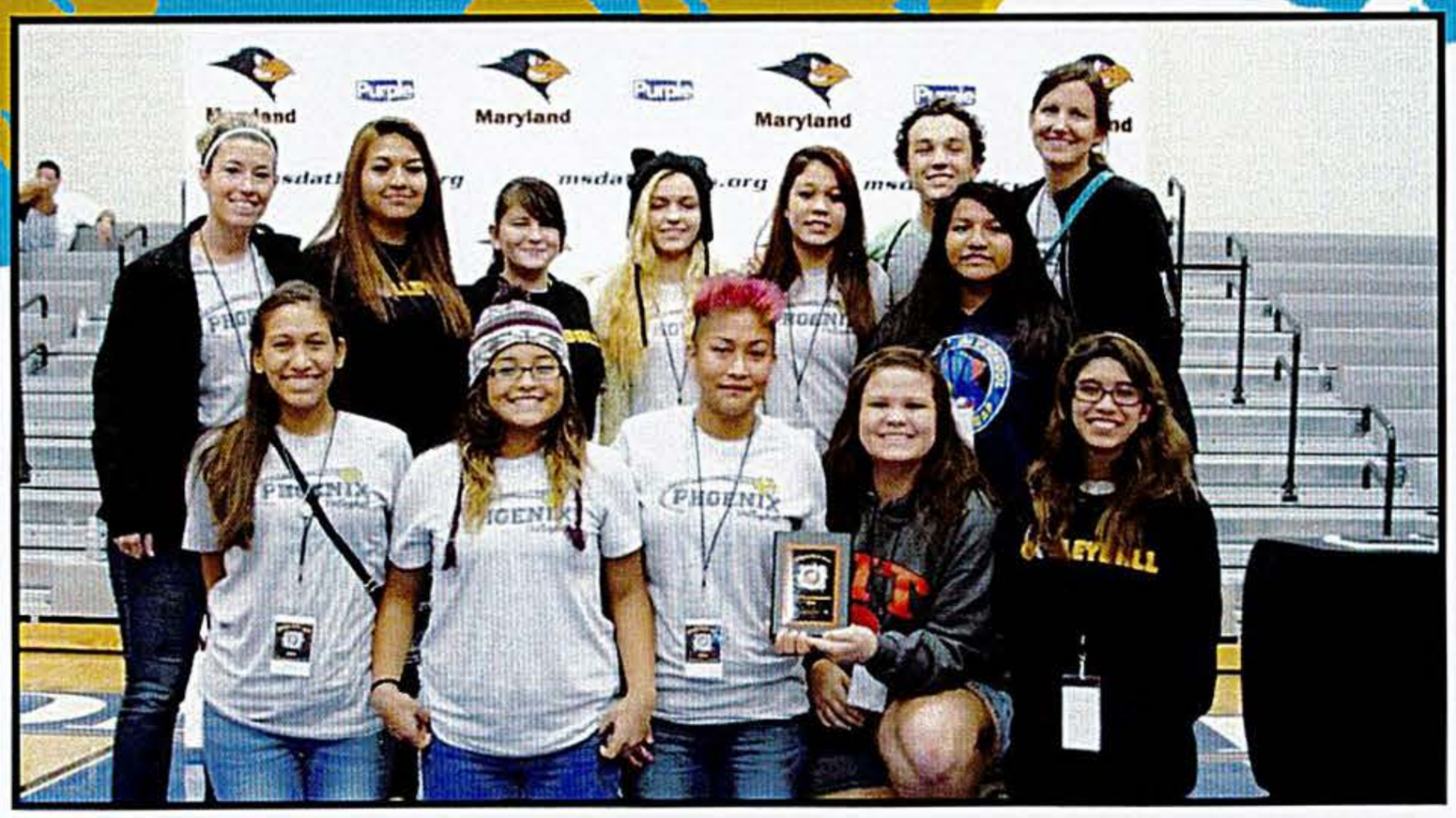
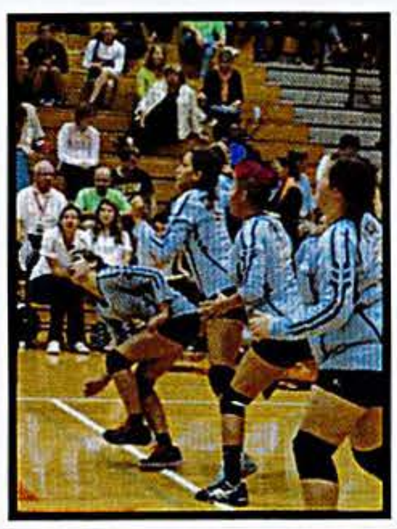
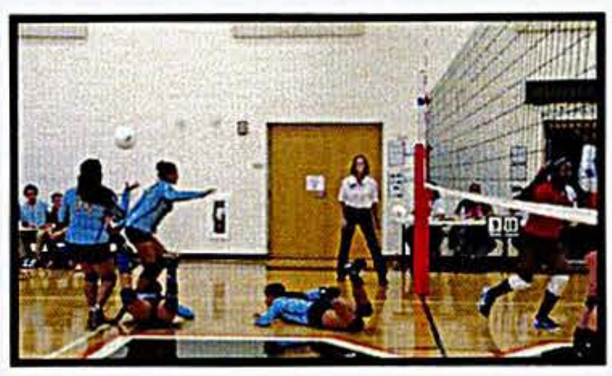


"We received the **SPORTMANSHIP** award!"





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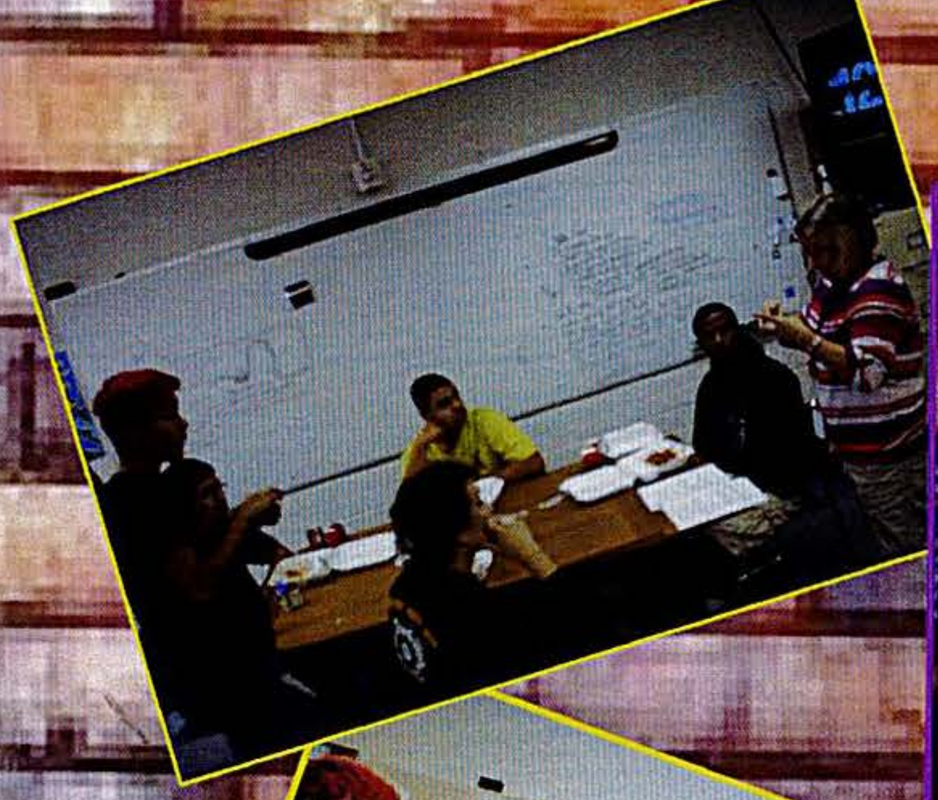
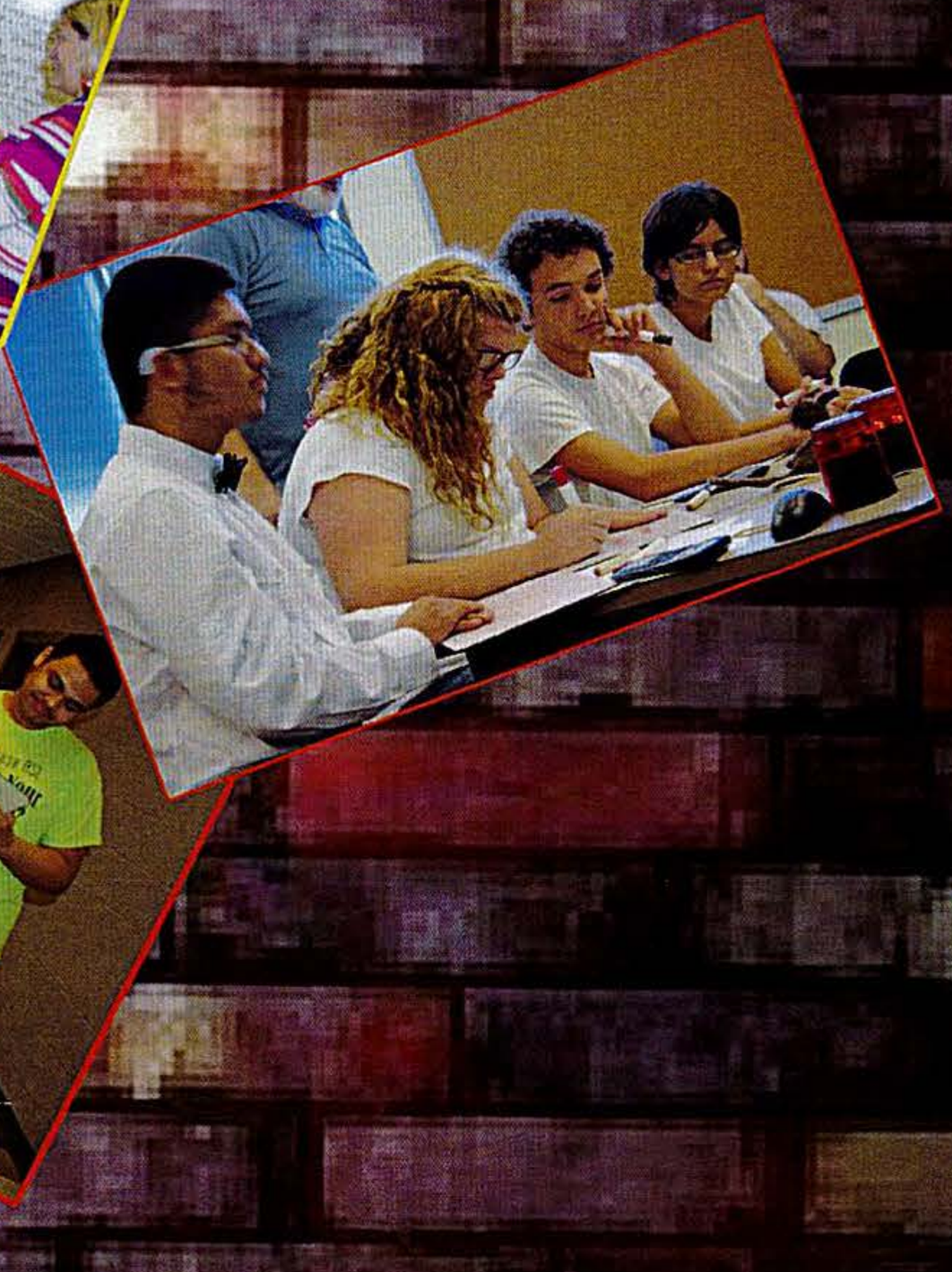
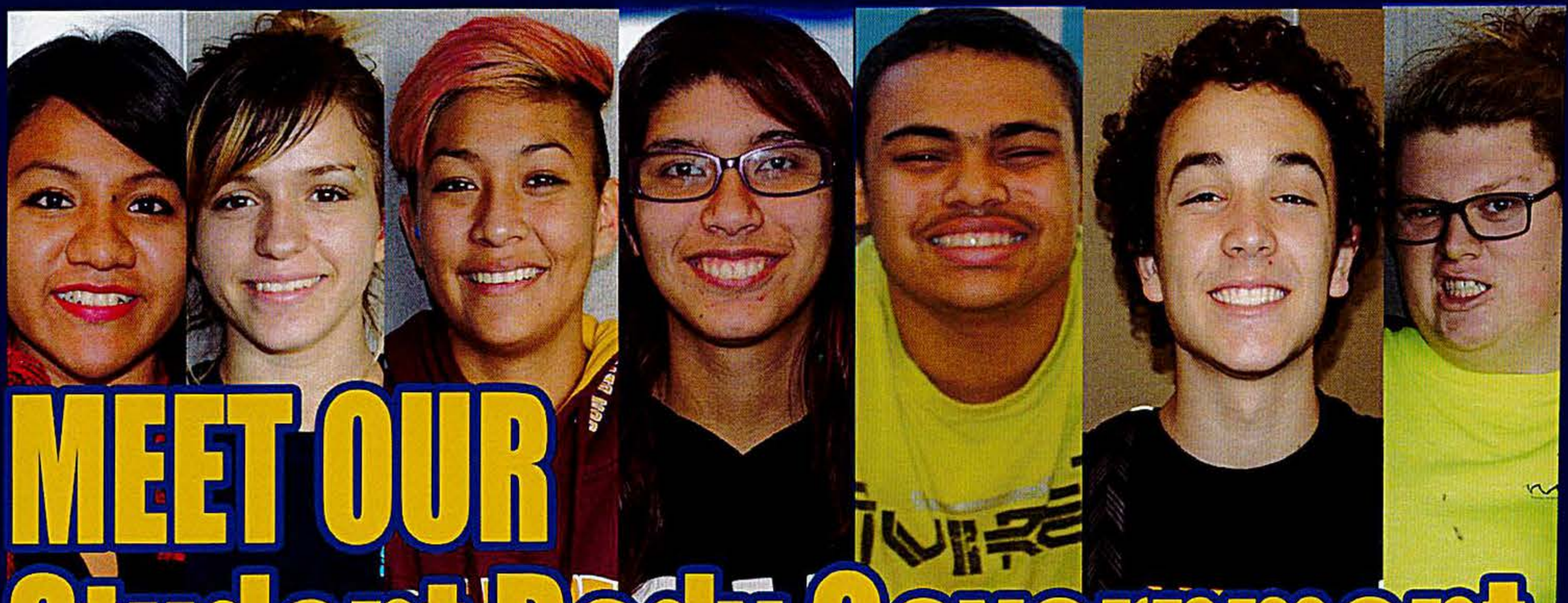






MEET OUR Student Body Government

What Do We Do?

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf high school elected students to be SBG members for 2014-2015.

SBG members met every Thursday during lunchtime. Each student was assigned a task to work on.

The SBG communicated with ASDB Board members a few times to discuss some issues. For example, they asked us to use ASL more on campus, set up a sex education program, install air conditioning on buses, etc.

The SBG elected the Homecoming king and queen, Rafael Navarro Cabeza and Liza Villalobos. Congratulations to those who were nominated!

Claude Martinez-Krohn (Junior Representative) and Janet Rose Talas (President) volunteered to give Keith Nolan a tour of the PDSD campus. They did a fantastic job!

SBG members also met with the high school supervisor, Jill Oberstein, about Prom arrangements and Board member meetings. They also prepared for the election of Prom king and queen.

ELECTED MEMBERS:

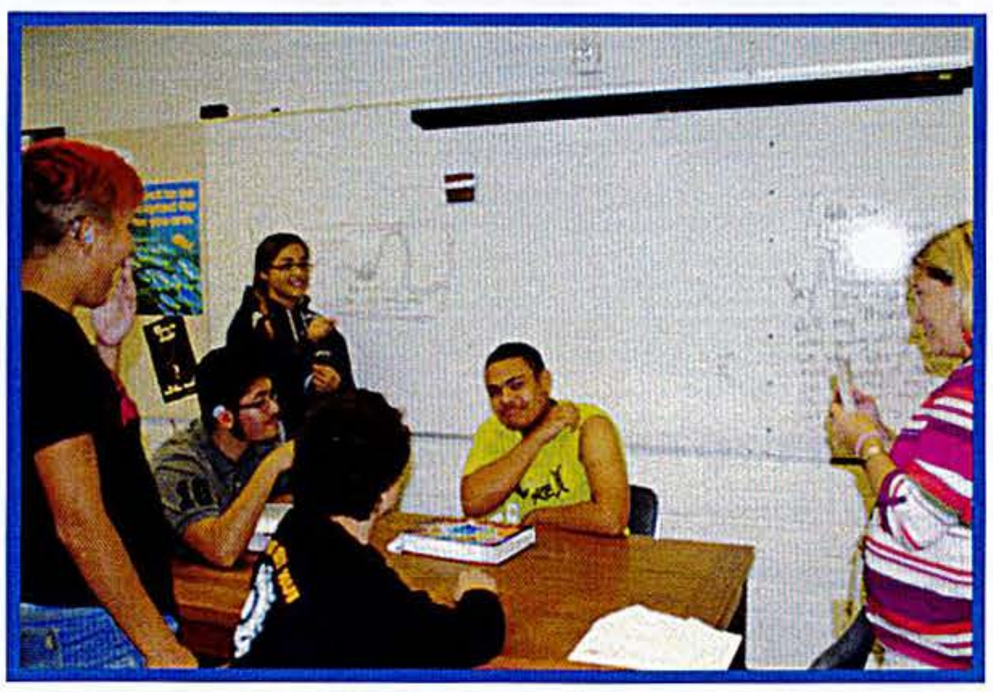
President: Janet Rose Talas
Secretary: Cameron Van Zuiden
Treasurer: Myron Zartman-Bailey
Freshman Representative: Jessica Valle Robles
Sophomore Representative: Stephanie Ramsey
Junior Representative: Claude Martinez-Krohn
Senior Representative: Briseyda Lopez
Sponsors: Melissa Huber and Josh Sherk

Jr. NAD

WHAT IS Jr. NAD?

Jr. NAD, a program of the NAD, offers deaf and hard of hearing students in high school opportunities to develop leadership skills, learn and demonstrate citizenship, and meet and interact with students from other schools.

Our chapter had biweekly meetings and participated in community events and fundraising, including movie night (Superdeafy) and selling s'mores during Winterfest and sno-cones during Homecoming.



Jr. NAD Members: John'Ta Price, Claude Martinez-Krohn, Myron Zartman-Bailey, Janet Rose Talas, Gabi McGill, Stephanie Ramsey, Brianna Infante, Cameron Van Zuiden, Alexis Nevarez Martinez, Alberto Godinez, and Tori Reeves.

Close Up

Close Up is a five-day intensive look into the workings of the U.S. government. Its mission is to inform, inspire and empower young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibility as citizens in a democracy. This is done through group work, traveling to the different branches of government, working together to create and present a bill, argue the pros and cons, and learn more about how the government works. The students are also given the opportunity to visit with their state legislators and senators. The benefit of Close Up is that students begin to realize how their government works and how to make their voice "heard."

There will be upwards of 100 students in Washington, D.C. this year for Close Up representing 10-15 schools, including PDSD, the Florida school for the Deaf, some integrated programs out of California, and even a couple of hearing schools whose sponsors want their students to learn how to communicate with kids who are like them but can't hear.

FROM BACK TO FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rafael Navarro Cabeza, Shaylene Lee (Sponsor), Janet Talas. Jessica Valle Robles, Heidi Amarillas, Vivianna Velasquez, Cameron Van Zuiden, Briseyda Lopez Cruz, Gabi McGill.

The Optimist Creed
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
Promise Yourself
To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

Optimist Club

OPTIMISM AT ITS BEST!

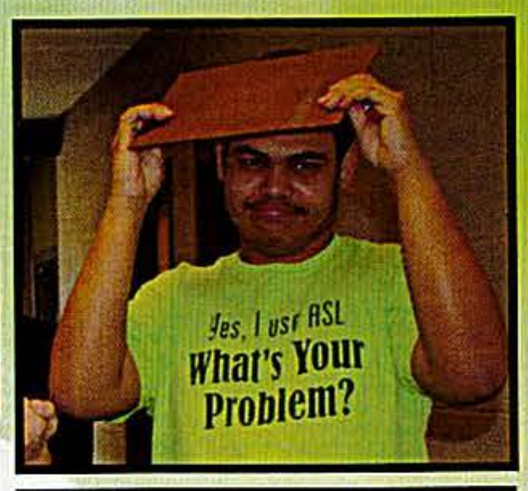
On January 21, PDSD held its annual Optimist Club competition. Five high school students presented powerful essays on how their optimism will help them press on to greater achievements. It was a tough decision by the judges, but only three could move on to the state-level competition. On February 14, students from the Arizona State School for the Deaf in Tucson, Mingus Union High School in Cottonwood and PDSD all competed for scholarships. The students from PDSD brought tears to the audience with inspiring presentations. Cameron Van Zuiden dazzled the audience in regards to the world accepting more diversity and how optimism has led Cameron to push through bullying. Samuel Martinez wowed the audience in his presentation on how optimism and his best friend have pushed him through darkness and depression and ultimately has helped him become a better person. At the award luncheon, Samuel Martinez finished second place and was awarded a $1000 scholarship! Congratulations to both students who portrayed PDSD with positive attitudes, class and intelligence!

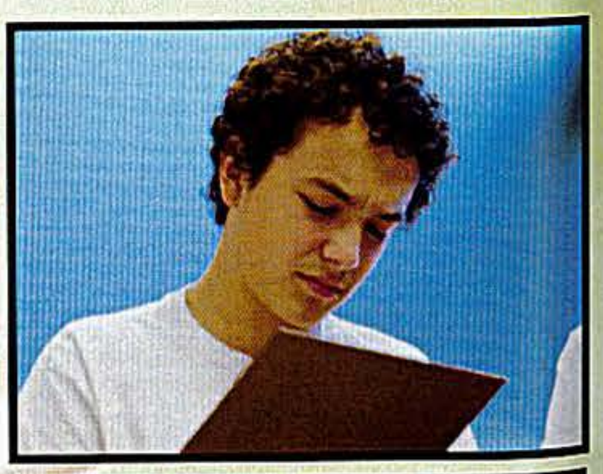
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOWL

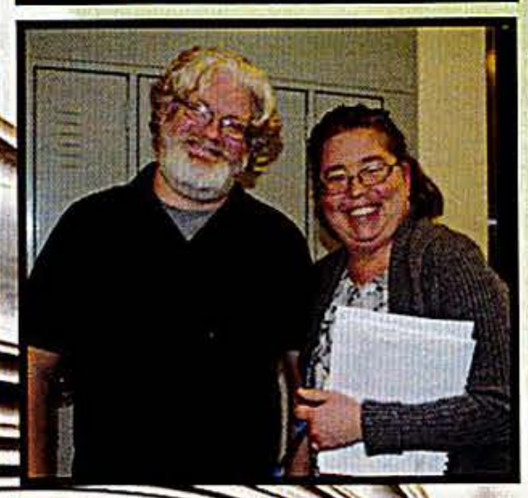
Academic Bowl Members:
From Left to Right:
Cameron Van Zuiden
Alexis Nevarez Martinez
Claude Martinez-Krohn
Myron Zartman-Bailey

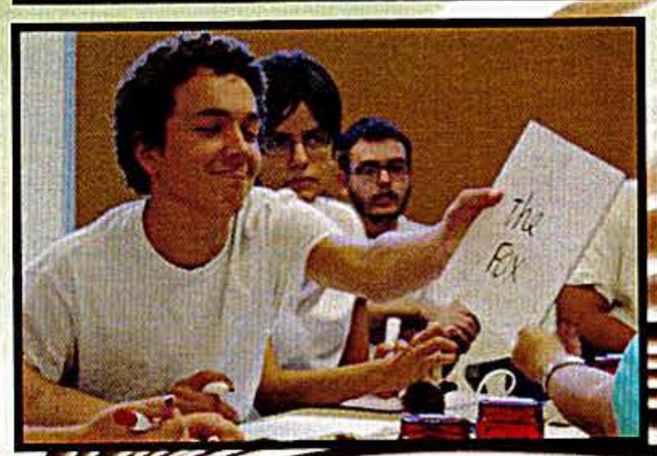
Coaches:
Rebecca Abeyta
Randal Kidd

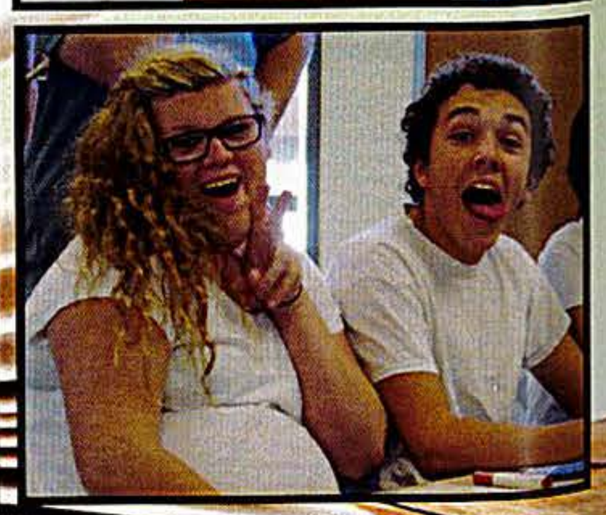
The 2014-2015 Academic Bowl team worked hard this year learning, practicing and getting ready for the Regional Southwest High School Academic Bowl Competition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students. This event was scheduled at the New Mexico School for the Deaf in March of 2015. The annual completion is sponsored by Gallaudet University. Phoenix Day School for the Deaf has participated in past years, and our students this year are Claude Martinez-Krohn, Alexis Nevarez Martinez, Cameron Van Zuiden, and Myron Zartman-Bailey. The coaches are Randal Kidd and Rebecca Abeyta. Together the coaches worked together to assist the students in practicing speed reading and studying a variety of subjects such as social studies, language and literature, current events, the arts, science, mathematics and popular culture/leisure/sports. Students participated in practice matches in class and in the WABL matches. The WABL matches were a good opportunity for the PDSD team to practice against six other schools before the Regional Competition in New Mexico. The matches were from October through February. The schools who placed in the top three participated in the regional competition in New Mexico in order to go on to the National Competition at Gallaudet University in April of 2015.











BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Middle School Battle of the Books teams began the exciting season of competition in January. They assembled three dedicated teams to participate in the competition. Green, Blue and Buff teams were coached by Jane Garza, Michelle Kelley and Renee Jantz. There were over 20 teams in each division who registered with Gallaudet University to participate in the competition. PDSD is the only school in the country who sent all three teams to the National Competition in Washington, D.C. during the last weekend of March to compete for the championship in each division. Go Roadrunners!

Buff Team: Renee Jantz (Coach), Jack Scarboro, Xavier Herbold, Zander Herbold.

Green Team: Melissa Sanchez, Isabel Ballard, Jane Garza (Coach), Faith Makarewicz.

Blue Team: Natasha Jo Hamilton, Willow Herbold, Michelle Kelly (Coach), Zoe Abrams-Gay.

Middle School Student Council

Our Middle School Student Council hosted reward days every month. They also hosted a Halloween Party, a Christmas Party and a Valentine's Day Party. The next trip will be going to Wet 'n' Wild at the end of the year. We want to thank Life Skills for running the Middle School Store to help fundraise for the Wet 'n' Wild Trip!

President
Jack Scarboro

Vice President
Arlet Martinez

Treasurer
Zoe Abrams-Gay

Secretary
Xavier Herbold

Student Council Assistant
Willow Herbold

8th Grade Representative
Sally Alsigab

5th Grade Representative
Galexy Sanders

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CHALLENGES

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YOURSELF

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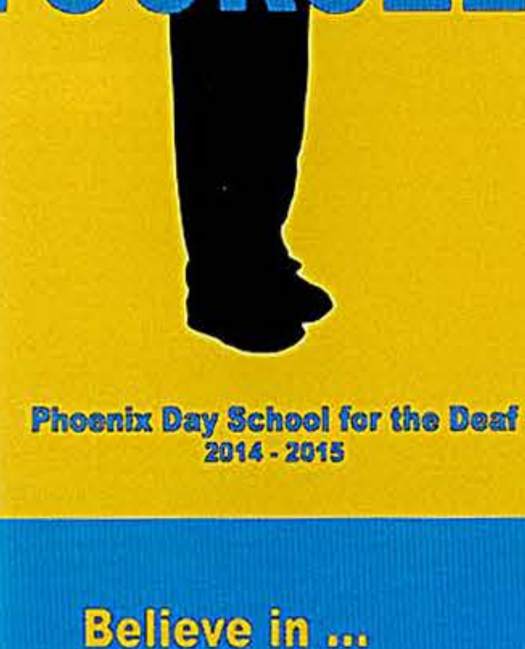

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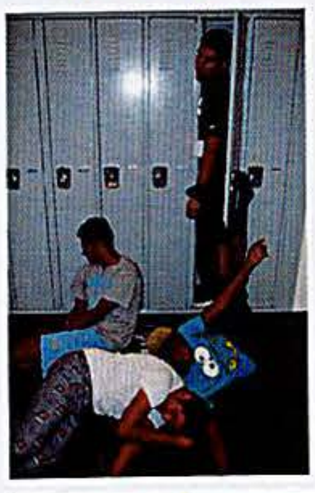
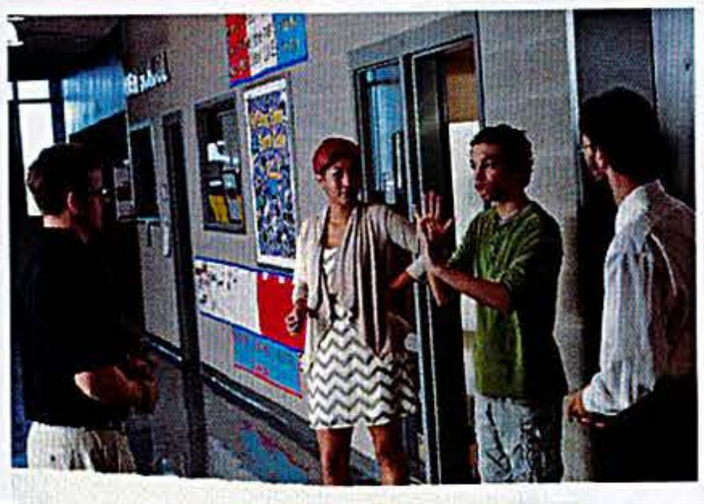

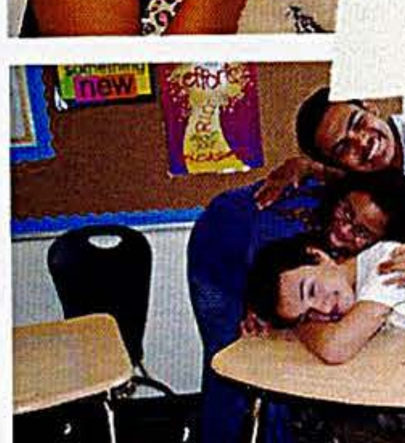

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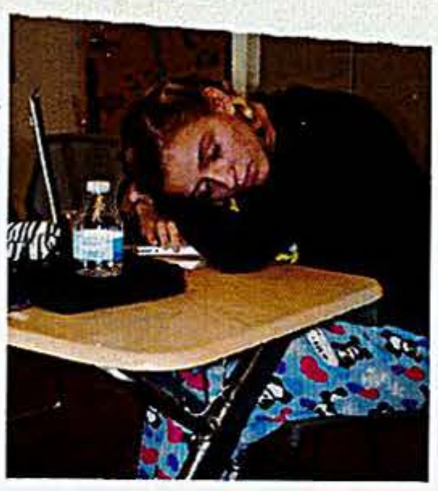

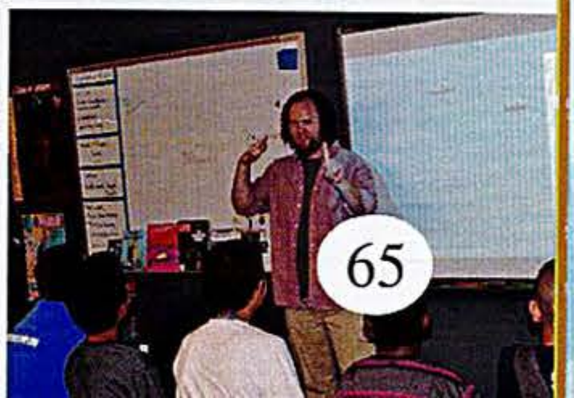

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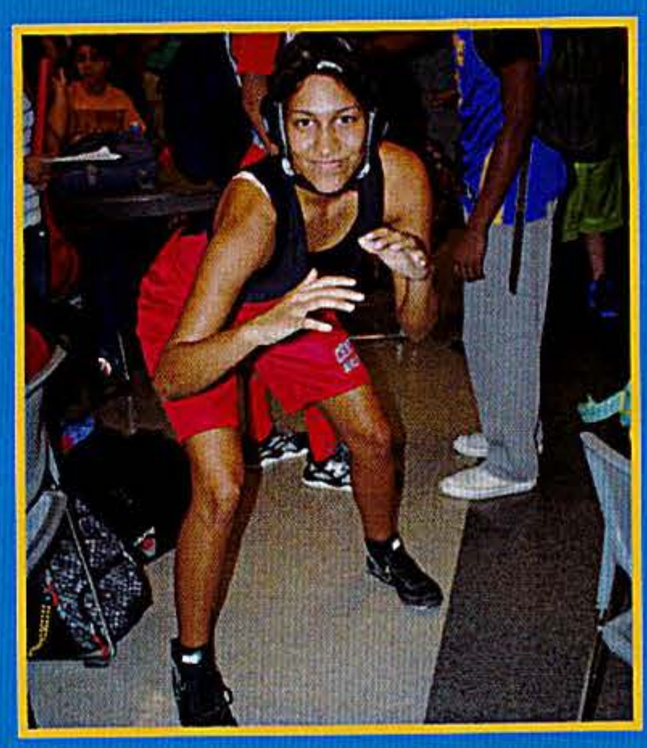

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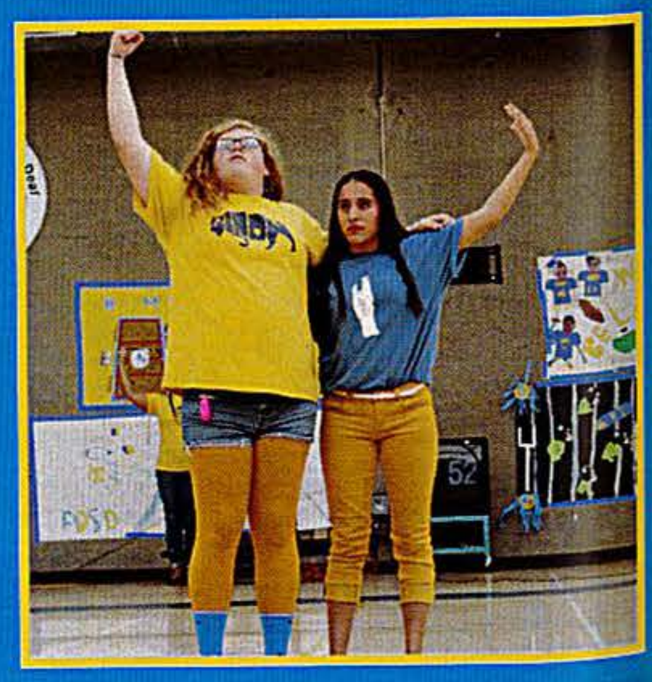

Homecoming King & Queen

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HALLOWEEN

This year middle school had an after-school Halloween party. Our elementary students went class-to-class trick or treating.

Happy Thanksgiving

"I'm thankful for being a PDSD student!"
-Anonymous

Every Thanksgiving, first graders make the Mayflower with paper, paint, tape and teamwork! They "ride" the Mayflower by holding on and traveling to the cafeteria or "New World!" When they arrive, they celebrate Thanksgiving by having a buffet!

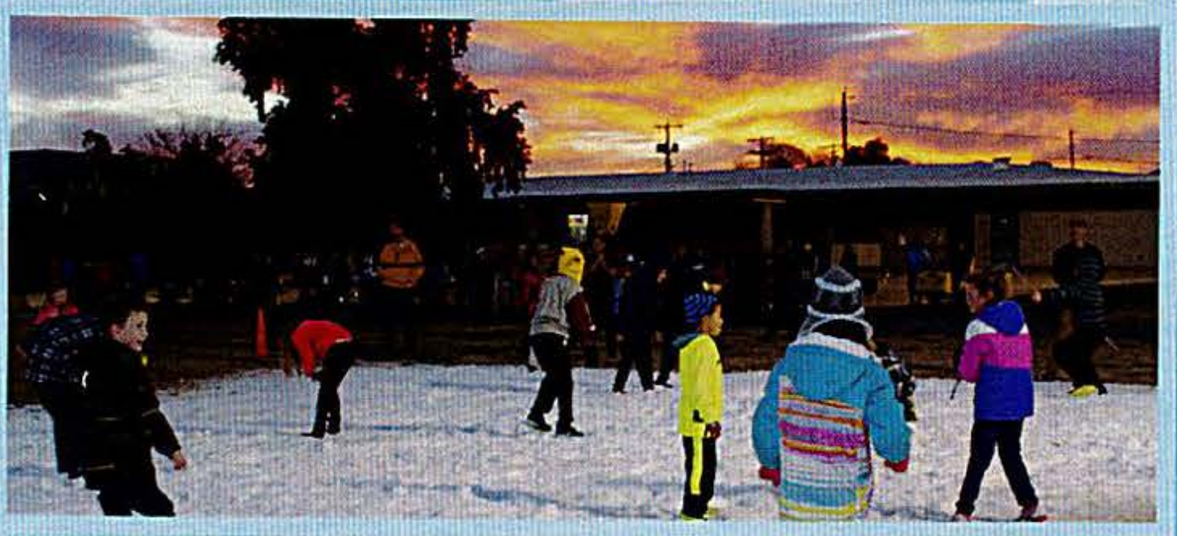
TREE LIGHTING

The Tree Lighting Ceremony was a huge success! We were able to thrill our students with the Frozen theme. Once again, our eighth grade MCs gave an awesome performance! The Tree Lighting Committee had a wonderful time creating a magical event for PDSD! See you next year!

WINTERFEST

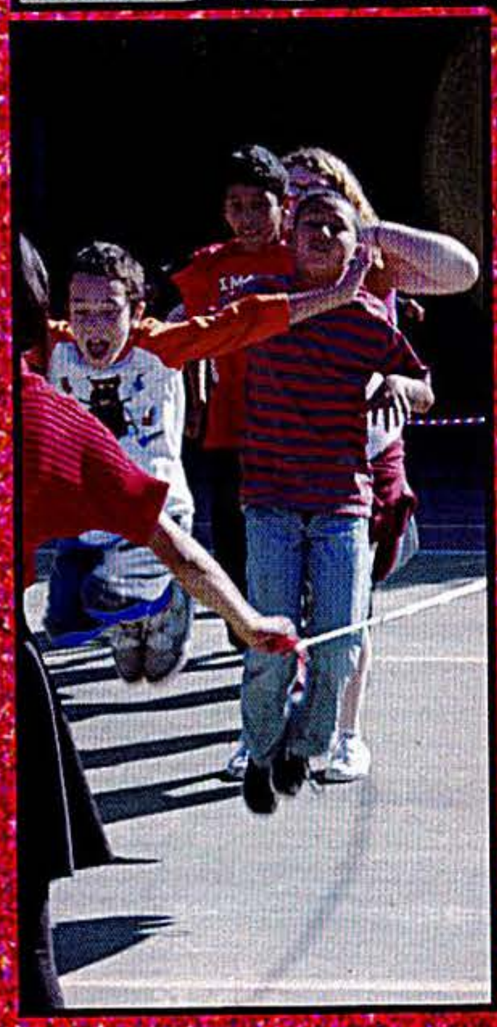
Every year, PDSD hosts Winterfest to give kids a chance to experience snow. At Winterfest, kids can have a snowball fight, make a snow angel, and do anything else related to snow!

Winterfest was a display of lights, fun, and laughter. When everyone comes together to experience community, something magical happens. Winterfest was truly the place to experience some of the magic that is PDSD!

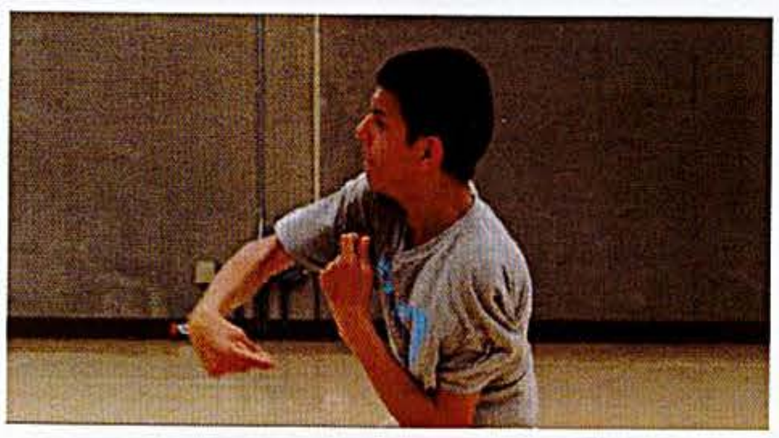


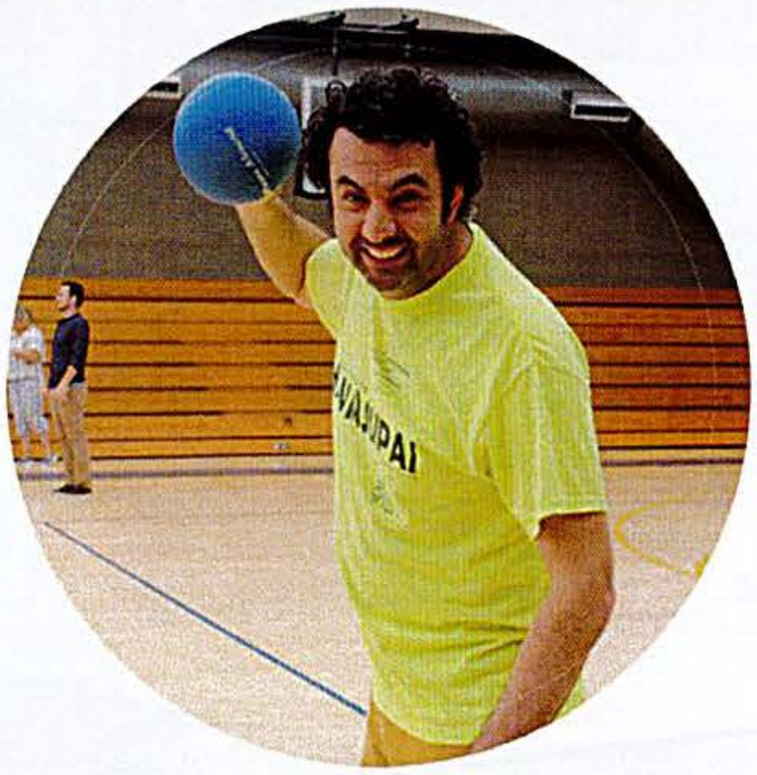
Jump Rope for Heart

On February 13, we had an event called Jump Rope for Heart. The American Heart Association sponsors this event to emphasize the importance of keeping our hearts healthy. All students were required to participate in this event, jumping rope for up to an hour. Students who liked a challenge would use the longer jump rope with more than two people jumping at a time.



All of the money raised was donated to the American Heart Association. Our top fundraisers were Rue and Zoe Abrams-Gay. Our top online fundraiser was David Acton. Seventh grade and ninth grade students won the penny war and played dodgeball against their teachers. The big winners were high school students whose prize was to throw pies in Jill Oberstein and Courtney Fritz's faces!





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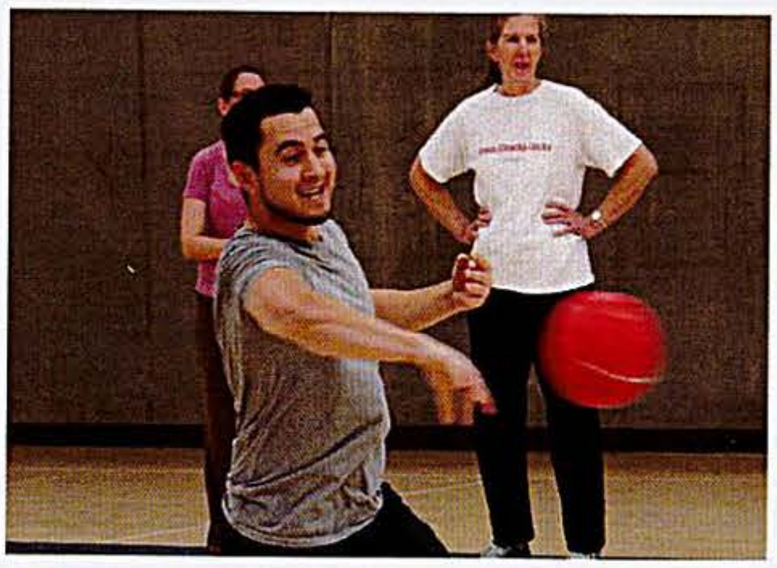
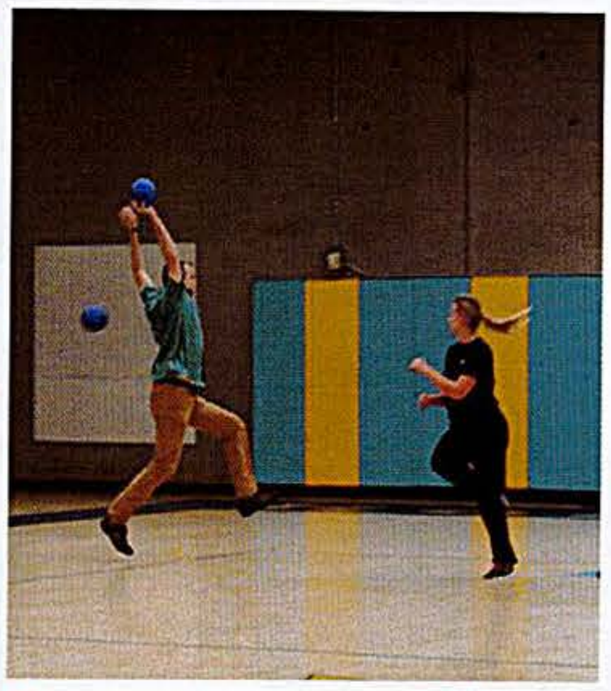
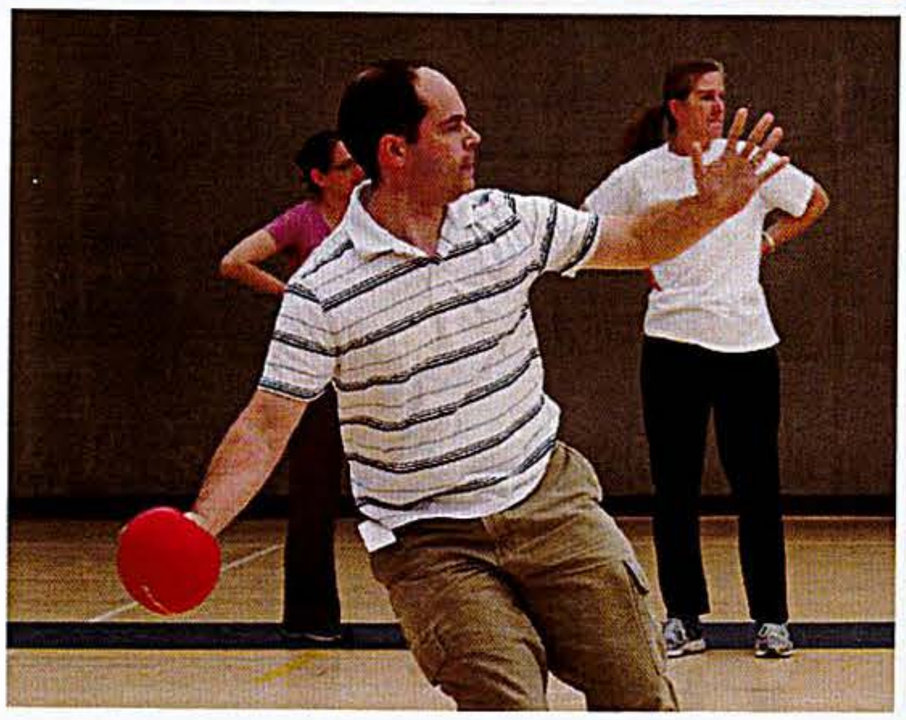
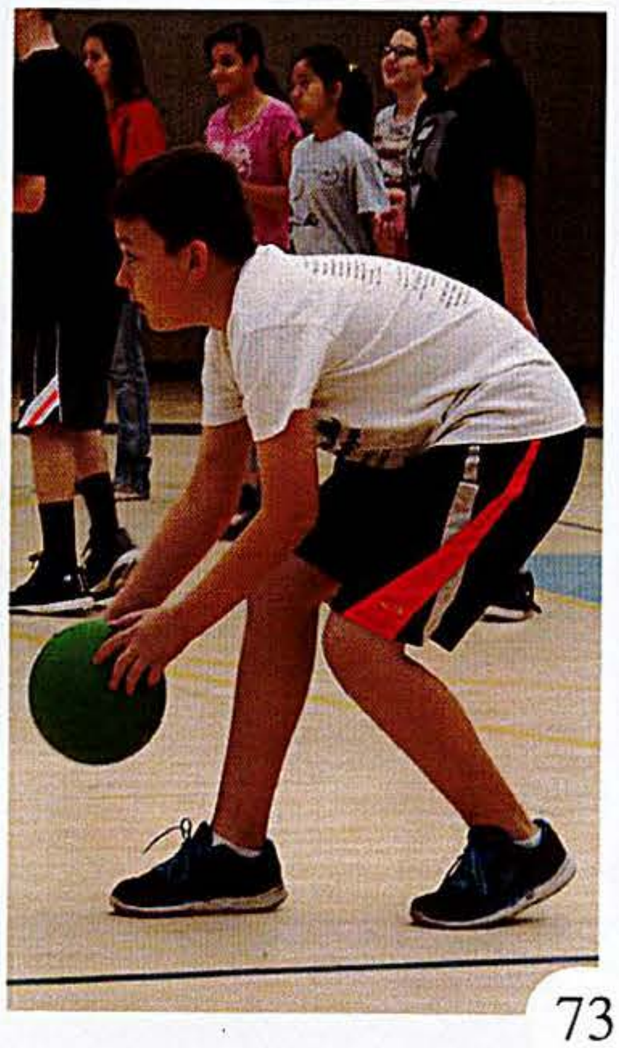


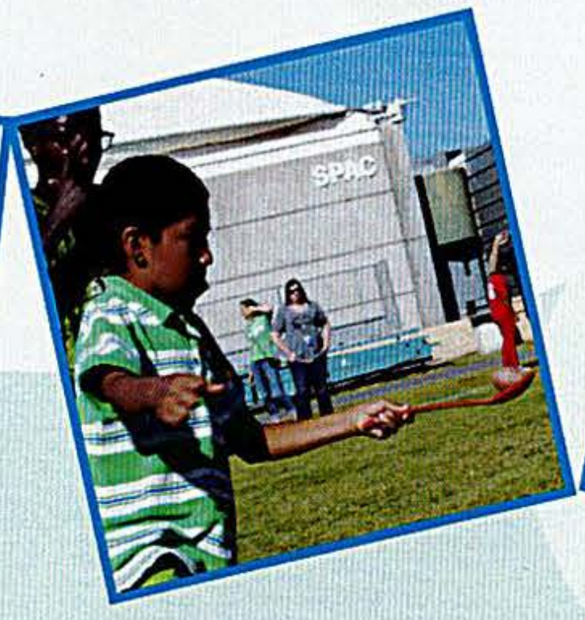


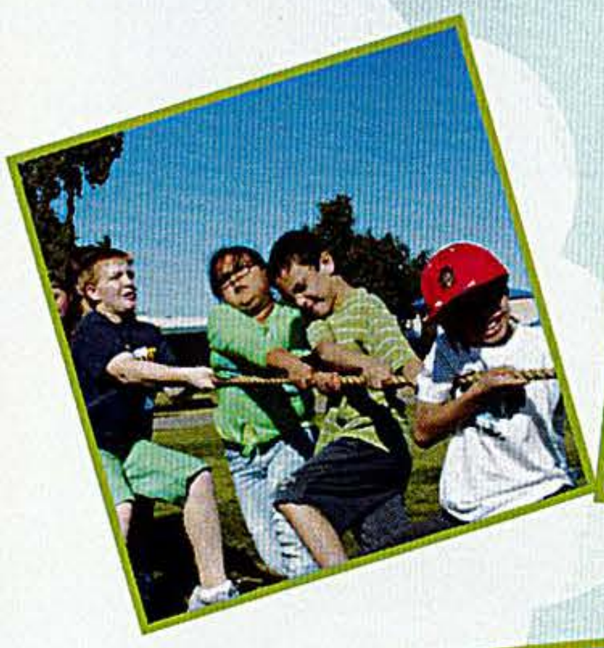


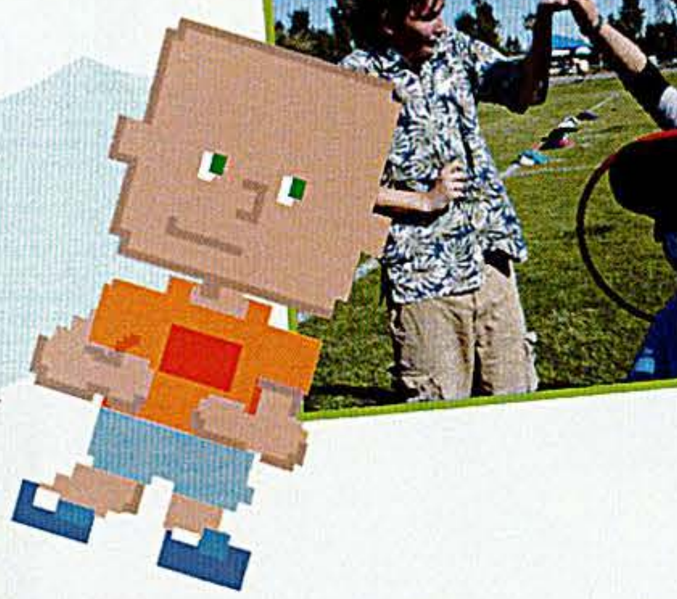


Freshmen and seventh grade students had so much fun playing dodgeball against their teachers! They had this chance because they made the most money for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event. Our teachers beat the seventh grade students, but the freshmen beat the teachers! They're looking forward to this kind of activity again next year!

Play Day

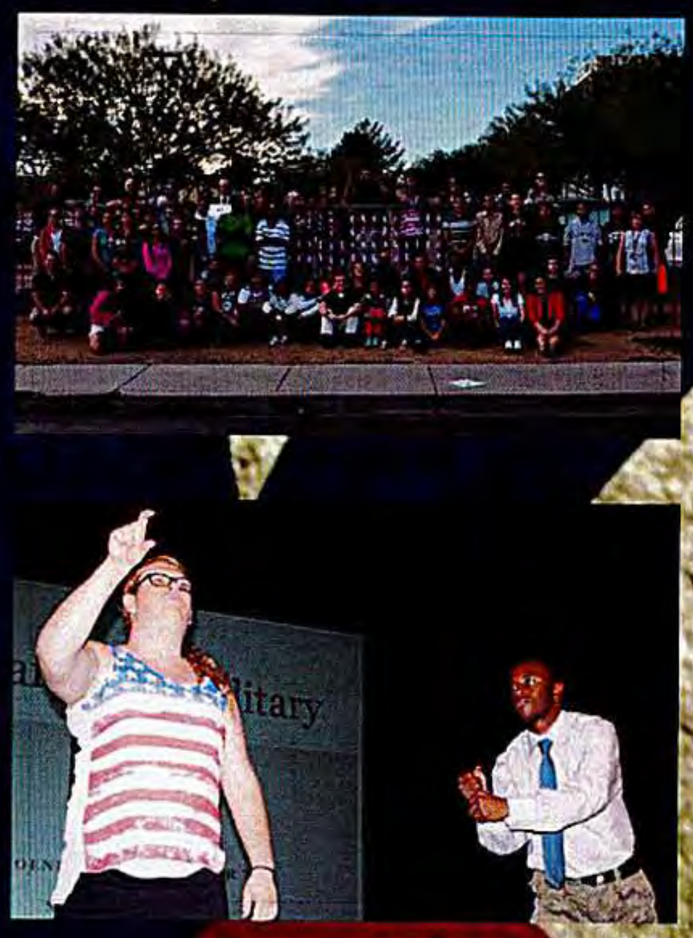






Play Day is a day where students all over campus join together on the football field and learn what it's like to have teamwork and sportsmanship. This year in March, everyone was separated into three teams: Red, Blue and Green. We played all kinds of fun games and activities like Pop the Balloon, The Spoon Game, and many other games. Team captains helped everyone have fun and work together. A lot of students forgot to put sunscreen on so they ended up with many sunspots at the end of the day. And what was the best part? We got to eat ICE CREAM. At the end of the event, staff announced the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Veterans Day



On November 12, Keith Nolan came to speak about Deaf people joining the military.

The Student Body Government gave a tour of PDSD to Keith Nolan when he arrived.

In the morning all of the students split up into groups and took turns doing different activities, such as:

The counseling department presented a workshop on PTSD.

The students brainstormed about how we can serve veterans.

Lindsay's video editing class shared their video of all of the American wars.

The students followed coordinates and made an American flag on PDSD's front fence.

The students made poppies from the poem Flanders Field.

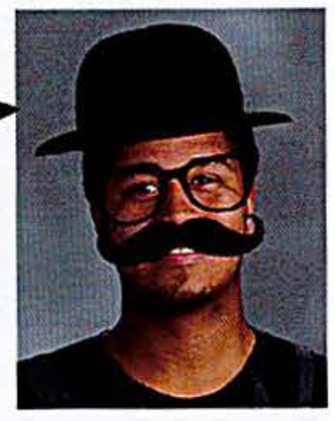
Later in the afternoon, everyone went to see Keith Nolan's presentation about why Deaf people should be able to join the military. John McCain's staff also visited the school for Keith Nolan's presentation.

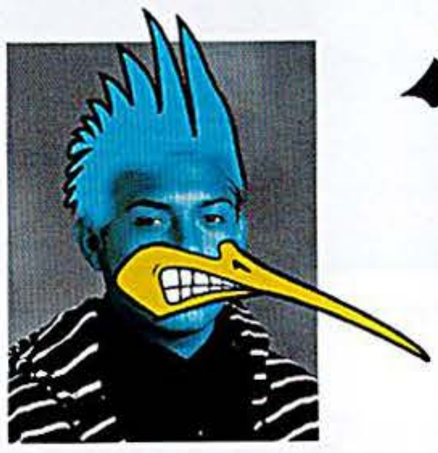
We had so much fun learning new things.

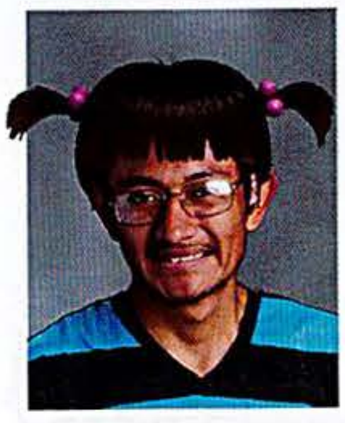
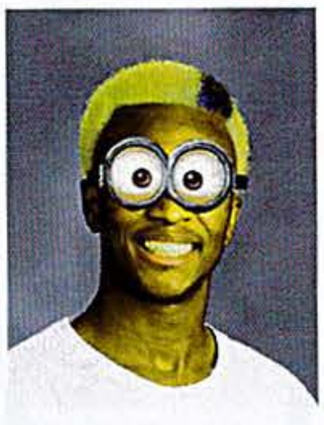
iSelfies

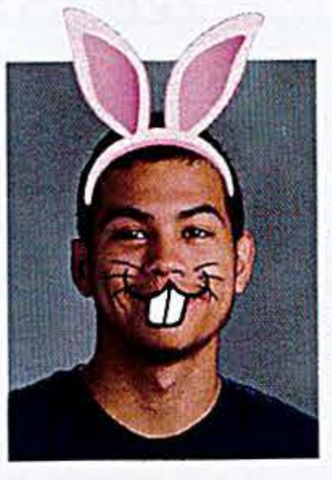
We keep taking selfie pictures and cannot stop! This is a fun and good way to keep memories for 2014-2015. :)

TEASING SENIORS







We want to tease you before you leave. :(

You guys look so funny!

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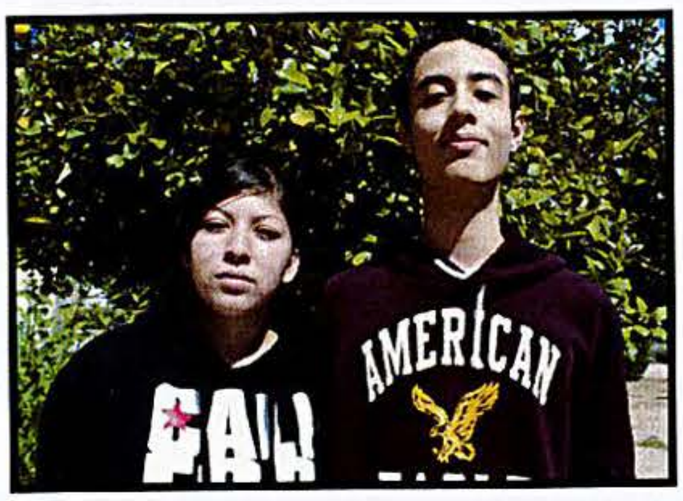
Most Expressive Faces

Cameron Van Zuiden &
Zeth Willis

Most Contagious Laughs

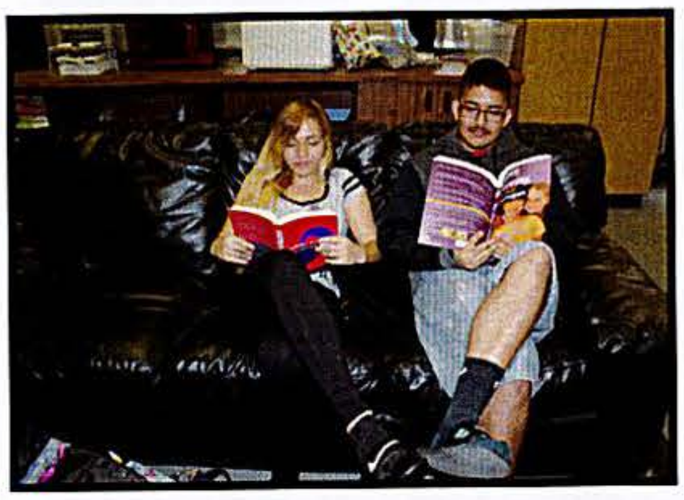
Tierra Morgan & Jayvon Lockhart

Most Beautiful Eyes



Elena Rangel Gallardo &
Jorge Yanez Parra

Biggest Bookworms

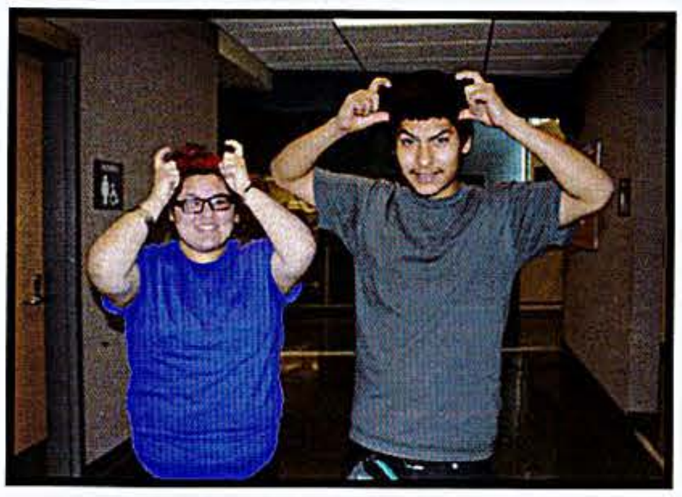


Stephanie Ramsey &
Alexis Nevarez Martinez

Biggest Technology Freaks

Gabi McGill & River Madigan

Biggest Daredevils



Victoria Torres & Jerome Quiyo

Most Cuddly

Ana Fatima Navarro Cabeza &
Rafael Alejandro Navarro Cabeza

Most Laid-Back

Skylair Estrine & Ramon Soto

Craziest Sports Fans

Brianna Infante & Jorge Camacho Reyes

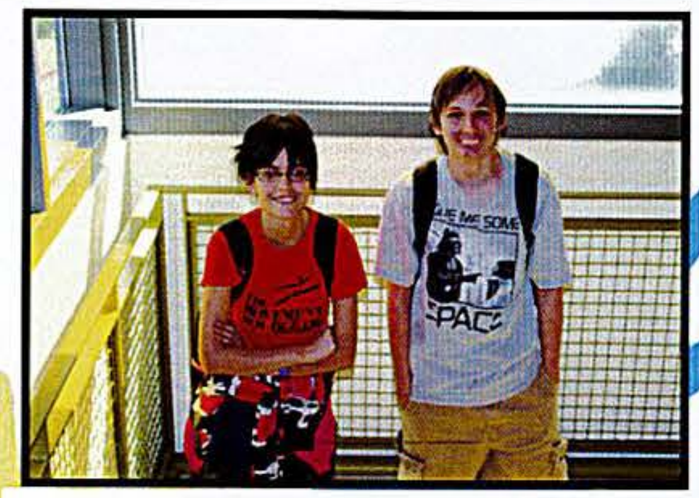
Most Energetic

Yvette Nieto & John'Ta Price

Biggest Hearts

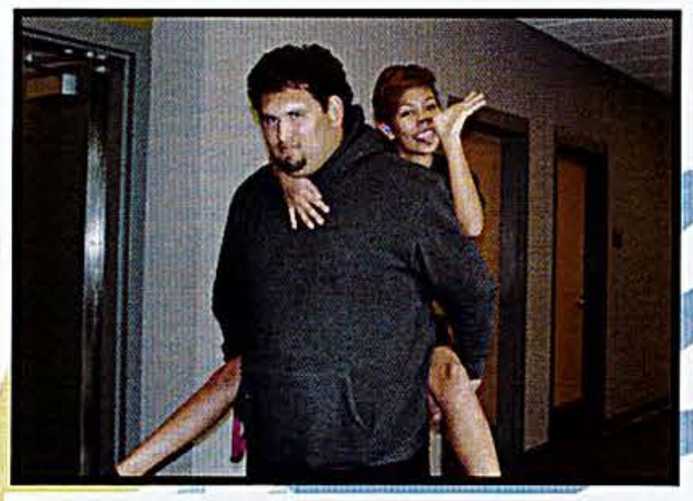
Rachel Arvizu &
Claude Martinez-Krohn

Biggest Comic Nerds



Vivian Moreno &
Chance D'Amore-Voreck

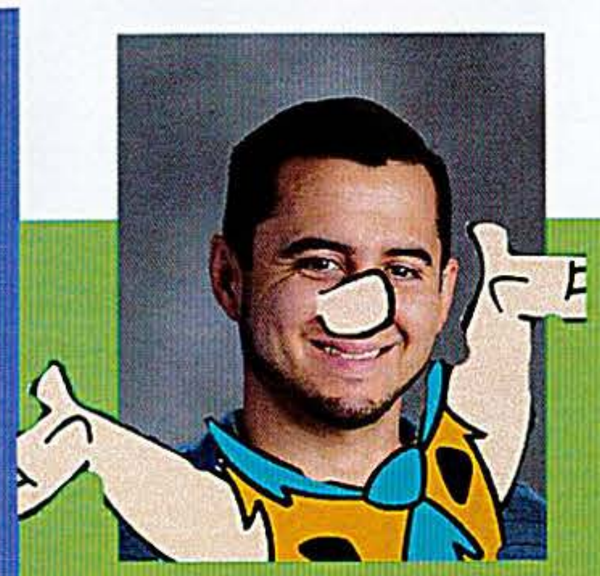
Biggest Pranksters



Janet Talas & Jorge Cortez Cordova

Mocking Our Staff!

Danielle Murray



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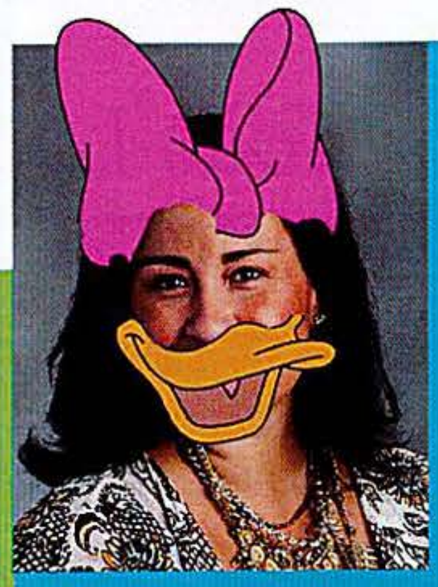

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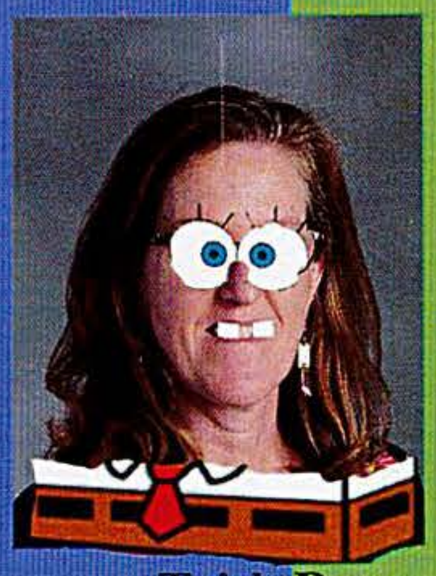

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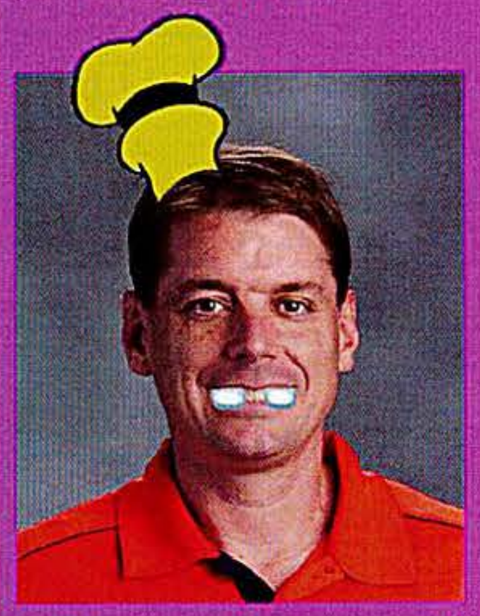
Masa Nakama



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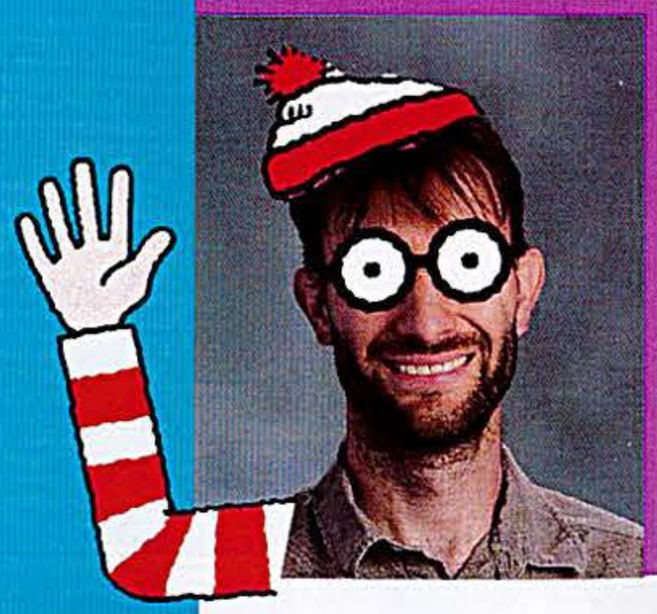
Patrick Bass

Joshua Sherk



Celebrity Look-Alike

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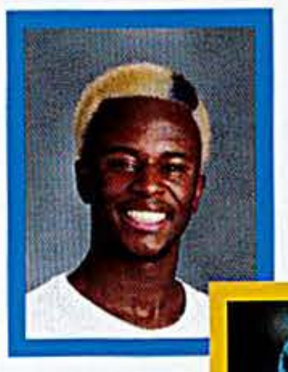
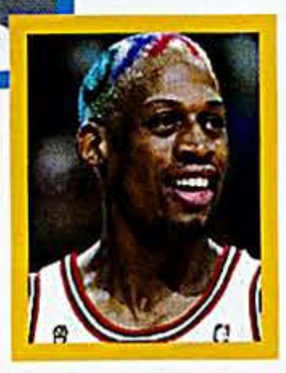
Imani Hakim

Fatima Navaro

Selena Gomez

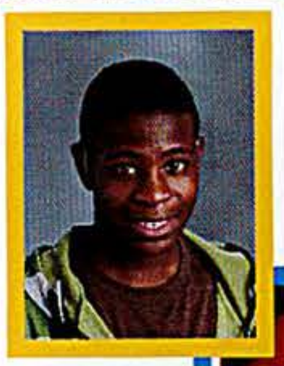
John'Ta Price

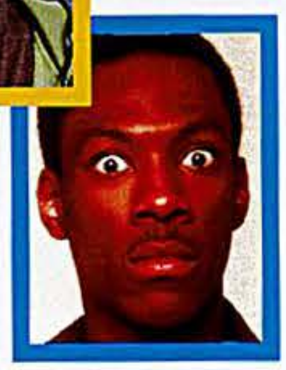




Dennis Rodman

Noah McDonald





Eddie Murphy

Aung Mui

Jackie Chan

Isabella Haddock

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Angel Cubas

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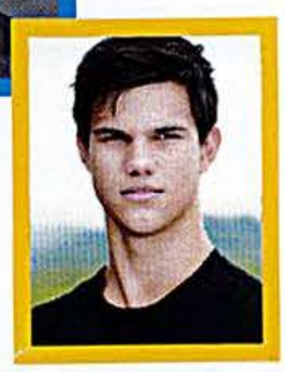

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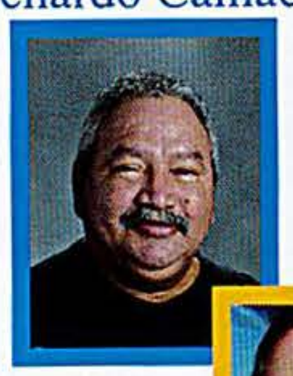
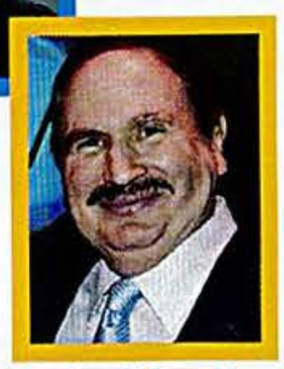
Richardo Camacho





Gabe Kaplan

Christie Abrams

Reese Witherspoon

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

"I wasn't paying attention to the the milk that spilled on my chair. I sat down and quickly felt my pants getting wet. It was so embarrassing because everyone saw it and started laughing at me."
- Ana Fatima Navarro

"When we went to Wet n' Wild for a field trip, we started with the huge wave first. I stood at the shallow water and then suddenly the huge wave came and pulled me out. I was laying down and so shocked how fast this had happened. Everyone was looking at me and laughing so hard." -Victoria Torres

"We went on a field trip to Arizona State University. I had to go to the bathroom and that is when I realized my fly was broken. I asked Megan Scarboro to please stop at the ASU store to buy new pants. She said, "Let's go now." I said, "Not with those boys!" Megan said, "I can't leave them alone." I accepted and we all went to the store and I bought new ASU pants. The boys would not stop asking me why I had to change pants that day! - Gabi McGill

"On Valentine's day, I wrote a letter to a girl that I liked. This girl thought I gave her the letter to pass forward, so she decided to give it to the teacher. The teacher came up to me and asked if the letter was for him. I said no! My teacher showed me the letter and I was so embarrassed."
- Jayvon Lockhart

"When I was seven years old, I was walking and chatting with my friends near a restroom. I told them I needed the restroom. A few minutes later, I opened the door and saw a girl was there. I was confused and left the restroom. I looked at the sign on the wall and it was actually the girls' restroom. People saw it and laughed at me all day. I was so embarrassed and never forgot what happened that day." - Josh Sherk

"On homecoming day, Victoria and I fell off the curb and a car had to stop. The driver had to wait for us because we couldn't stand up. We laid on the lane of the driveway and laughed for three minutes."
- Tierra Morgan

"I was ready to take a test. A few minutes later, my teacher gave me two candies. I ate both candies and started feeling nauseous. I asked my teacher if I could go to the restroom, but my stomach was still nauseous. I went back to class and somehow I started throwing up in front of the students and my teacher." - Rossina Marquez

"We had an event called, "Tree Lighting Day." I remember I was very embarrassed when I started acting as Olaf for two minutes with the wrong song. We had to stop for one minute because of the wrong song and the audience was watching me with silence!" - Carlos Cordero

Elementary Memories

"I want to say 'Thank you all for what you have done for me. PDSD will always be my second home.'" - **Samuel Martinez**

"PDSD is my third home. PDSD changed me a lot. I am a very happy person for belonging to PDSD." **- Gabi McGill**

Branden Bailey's favorite quote: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

Grant Fernandez-Oki's goal after graduation: "My goal is to focus on continuing to increase my skills in math, reading, and English then I can graduate!"

Johnathan Garcia's goal after graduation: "I am going to college and will be the first person to graduate from college in my family."

Luis Flores-Leon's favorite quote: "'Never give up.' I never gave up on my hard classes. I was surprised to see how good my grades were!"

"I will miss PDSD and my childhood there from K-12, I will miss you guys!" - **Jorge Cortez Cordova**

Heidi Amarillas' favorite quote: "If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit."
- William J. Clinton

Moises Vazquez's favorite quote: "Know what's weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change. But pretty soon, everything is different."
- Bill Watterson

Seniors' Notes & Quotes

Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life

Lori Elliott, Art Teacher & Library Media Specialist III

After 34 years at PDSD I have many great memories of good times with students and staff.

All sporting events and PE were outside because we didn't have a theater or a gym. Preschool was in an old house on the southwest corner of campus that later became Transportation. Our first freshman class and our first graduation were in 1983.

I remember . . . giving TV captioning decoders to all the students . . . when the "old library" was the "new library" . . . many plays and productions and visiting artists . . . very special art festivals . . . when the middle school and high school building was church property . . . when the first Mac computer was purchased to make the program for WSBC . . . saving Bashas receipts to get free computers . . . students running with red or white paddles to get help since we had no phones or TTYs . . . when the only phone for teachers to use was under the stairs in the "old library" . . . automating the library system and throwing out the cards . . . burying the time capsule to be opened in 2017 . . . Totally Committed To Children Daycare at PDSD . . . the first communication system with phones, TTYs and TVs in every room . . . the first SmartBoard we purchased and then the day we finished putting them in every classroom . . . working on the plan and construction of the middle school/high school building . . . and over 30 Play Days. Thanks for all the fun times!

- Lori Elliott

Nyla Hostin, Math Teacher

It is my great pleasure to announce my retirement at the end of the 2014-2015 school year after teaching for more than 40 years. Forty years of teaching is a long time and it has been so much fun, but now I am definitely ready to join my husband, Terry, who has already retired from another school, to start a great adventure.

It has been a fun 10 years of teaching math to the 5th and 6th grade students here at PDSD. I loved seeing how each child develops into a better person full of responsibility, good behavior, positive attitude and respect. I will miss this, working with the other middle school teachers and, of course, teaching math.

Well, it is time to say farewell and wish you all very successful years to come. I certainly hope you all will continue to grow and show continued improvement in math class with a new teacher. I do believe that if you set your goal and are aggressive by staying with your goal, you can achieve your goal to be the best person possible. - Nyla Hostin

Francine Bixler, Instructional Assistant

I have been blessed to have worked here at PDSD. I have learned a lot from the staff, parents, and most of all the children. My mom told me once that you should treat children like you want your children to be treated with understanding, respect and compassion.

I will always cherish all the memories and will hold them dear in my heart forever. Thank you all! - Francine Bixler

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Alex Gongora
Angelica Pena

Advisors

Lindsay Feuer
Jessica Madsen
Adrian DeHoyos

"Roadrunners never die."

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